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Peace Talks Stall in Cuba

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ **Associated Press**

HAVANA (AP) — A spokesman for Colombia's main leftist guerrilla army said Friday that President Juan Manuel Santos' rejection of a proposed cease-fire will not derail next month's peace talks on ending a half-century of armed struggle.

There is plenty of mistrust and bad blood to overcome but the cease-fire issue is not insurmountable, said Marco Leon Calarca of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or

Nor, he said, is the seeming improbability of a guerrilla



Mauricio Jaramillo, a spokesman and top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, walks after a press conference in Havana, Cuba. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

imprisoned in the United States being freed to take part in the talks, as the rebels want.

"These obstacles are nothing compared with all that has accumulated from ... 50 years of violence, which we are trying to solve through dialogue," Calarca said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press.

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An officer stands outside the bodega where Reynaldo Cuevas, 20, was killed by police responding to a robbery, in the Bronx borough of New York, Sept. 7, 2012. Initial investigations show that the shooting was the result of an accidental discharge that occurred when Cuevas collided with one of the officers responding to the robbery.

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

Police fatally shoot Bronx bodega employee

COLIN MOYNIHAN NATE SCHWEBER © 2012 New York Times NEW YORK - A 20-year-old man was shot and killed by police early Friday as he fled from a group of robbers inside a bodega in the Bronx and collided with a police officer, authorities said.

The man, who was identified by authorities as Reynaldo Cuevas, was a worker at the bodega and a nephew of the store's owner, police said. He was not armed.

"The nephew just comes running out full tilt into the officer," Paul W. Browne, the Police Department's chief spokesman, said.

Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly said an initial investigation shows that the shooting was the result of an accidental discharge and said the collision between Cuevas and the officer who shot him had been captured by a surveillance camera.

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Family feud eyed in grisly killings in French Alps

JAMEY KEATEN Associated Press

born British man shot dead sign engineer Saad al Hilli in the French Alps with his wife and two other people Ikbal, based partly on the came forward to British police on Friday and denied old daughter Zeena, who any conflict in the family, survived unhurt by hiding

French prosecutor said.

Two days after the killings, ANNECY, France (AP) authorities identified the The brother of an Iraqi- dead as mechanical deand his wife,

testimony of their 4-yearwhile investigators looked under her mother's skirt as into a possible money dis- some 25 automatic-handpute among the siblings, a gun rounds were fired.

French cyclist Sylvain Mollier, 45, whom authorities suspect was in the wrong place at the wrong time, was also killed in Wednesday's rampage.

Investigators were working to identify a fourth victim, an elderly, Iraqi-born Swedish woman also inside the family's vehicle.

French authorities, cautious about tipping off the cul-

prit or culprits, offered only a trickle of clues about the investigation.

Eric Maillaud,

the prosecutor in nearby Annecy, said British police reported that Saad may have feuded with his brother Zaid over money.

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US declares Haqqani network a terrorist body

BRADLEY KLAPPER MATTHEW LEE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration declared Friday that the Pakistan-based Haqqani network of militants is a terrorist body despite misgivings about how the largely symbolic act could further stall planned Afghan peace talks or put yet another chill on the United States' already fragile counterterrorism alliance with Islamabad. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision, signed Friday ahead of a Sunday deadline set by Congress, bans Americans from doing business with members of the group and blocks any assets it holds in the United States. The order, which will go into effect within 10 days, completes an odyssey of sorts for the Hagganis from the days they partnered with the CIA during the Cold War and were hailed as freedom fighters. Clinton, whose advisers were of two minds about whether the designation was the right path, said in a statement Friday that the U.S. will "also continue our robust campaign of diplomatic, military and intelligence pressure on the network, demonstrating the United States' resolve to

profile attacks on U.S. and NATO troops, Congress insisted Clinton deliver a report on whether the Haqqanis should be designated a terrorist organiza-



People in Lakki Marwat, Pakistan, attend the funeral of Maulana Iftikhar the day after he was killed alongside a top commander of the militant Haqqani network in a U.S. missile strike in nearby Miran Shah. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton notified Congress Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, that the Obama administration has declared the Pakistan-based Haqqani network a terrorist body. The move, which bans Americans from doing any business with members of the group and blocks any assets it holds in the United States, could undermine Afghan peace efforts and test fragile U.S.-Pakistani relations.

(AP Photo/Ishtiaq Mahsud)

degrade the organization's ability to execute violent attacks."

Enraged by a string of high-

tion and all of its members subjected to U.S. financial sanctions.

A subsidiary of the Taliban

and based in the remote North Waziristan region of Pakistan, the Haqqani network is responsible for several attacks in Kabul, including last September's rocket-propelled grenade assault on the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters. American officials estimate its force at 2,000 to 4,000 fighters and say it maintains close relationships with al-Qaida.

U.S. defense officials said the administration doesn't believe the Haqqanis have designs to attack the United States. But they said the group shelters al-Qaida and other militant groups, allowing them to plan and train for possible operations targeting the U.S.

The U.S. already has sanctioned many Haqqani leaders and is pursuing its members militarily. But it resisted the terrorist designation because of worries that it could jeopardize reconciliation efforts between the U.S. government and insurgents in Afghanistan, and ruffle feathers with Pakistan, the Haqqanis' longtime benefactor.

Bermuda on alert as storm likely to skirt island's coast

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) People in Bermuda braced Friday for a weekend of rough weather from Tropical Storm Leslie as forecasters said the system would likely regain strength and become a hurricane again while passing to the east of this Atlantic Ocean island. The Bermuda Weather Service said the storm was on track to pass about 200 miles (321 kilometers) east-southeast of the island late Sunday afternoon as a Category 1 hurricane. "It appears that Bermuda will be spared a direct impact," said Wayne Perinchief, the national security minister for the British territory. "However, I urae the public to remain cautious as there is the potential for the storm to re-intensify and change track, and we could experience heavy rain and winds in shower bands."

Some businesses were closing early and people crowded into shops to stock up on emergency supplies. At least one cruise ship canceled a stop in Bermuda and the airport was expected to close.

There was no widespread panic because the island, a wealthy offshore financial haven and tourist destination, has strong building codes and is accustomed to storms.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Leslie resumed forward movement Friday after staying stationary overnight. Early Friday evening, the storm had top sustained winds of 65 mph (100 kph), below the hurricane threshold of 74 mph (120 kph).

The storm was about 375 miles (600 kilometers) south-southeast of Bermuda and was moving north at nearly 5 mph (7 kph).

Out in the middle Atlantic, Hurricane Michael was a category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph (165 kph). On Thursday, it was briefly the first Category 3 of the Atlantic hurricane season.

FARC: cease-fire rejection won't derail talks

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"In that sense, looking at things optimistically, we think there is no problem we can't solve."

With both sides repeatedly stressing the importance of having the will to make peace talks succeed, it was a surprisingly positive message just a day after Colombia's government and the FARC seemed to be at loggerheads.

The rebels announced Thursday that a cease-fire was tops on their negotiating agenda, but Santos promptly said it wasn't in the cards. "There's not going to be any cease-fire," the president told reporters Thursday night. "We will not give anything until we get the final agreement, and I want to make that very clear." Santos added that Colombia's military and police had even been told

to intensify offensive actions. Calarca spoke with the AP in Havana, where

ment announced this week to formally open peace talks Oct. 8 in the Norwe-



Marco Leon Calarca, spokesman and member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) speaks during an interview in Havana, Cuba, Friday, Sept 7, 2012. The spokesman for Colombia's main leftist guerrilla army says President Juan Manuel Santos' rejection of a cease-fire will not derail peace talks next month.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

representatives of the FARC and the Colombian government spent six months hammering out an agreegian capital, Oslo. Cuba, Venezuela and Chile also are taking part.

A decade ago, peace ne-

gotiations fell apart after Colombia had ceded a Switzerland-size parcel of the country as a safe haven for the FARC, which used it as a base to continue waging war elsewhere, extorting, kidnapping and drug trafficking.

Besides the cease-fire, the other issue that cast some doubt over the talks before they even started was the FARC's surprising request to have guerrilla Ricardo Palmera take part.

Palmera, alias "Simon Trinidad," is in a U.S. prison serving 60 years for kidnapping conspiracy in the abduction of three Americans in Colombia.

Again, Calarca seemed confident something can be worked out.

"The thing about Simon being at the negotiating table, we will examine it and figure out how Simon can be present.

Family feud eyed in grisly killings in French Alps

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On Friday, after learning about media reports that cited authorities' suspicion about a possible family dispute, Zaid went to British police and told them, "I have no conflict with my brother," according to Maillaud.

"This brother came forward spontaneously to investigators, first to ask simply about the state of his brother because he heard through British media that his brother was dead," Maillaud said.

But Mae Faisal El-Wailly, a childhood friend of the brothers, made available a letter written to her by Saad last year that alluded to a possible inheritance dispute. She said the brothers' father had died recently, and she described the family as wealthy and well-traveled.

"Zaid and I do not com-

municate any more as he is another control freak and tried a lot of underhanded things even when my father was alive," Saad wrote. The letter was dated Sept. 16, 2011.

"He tried to take control of fathers assets and demanded control," the letter says.

"(A)nyway it is a long story and now I have just had to wipe him out of my life. Sad but I need to concentrate now on my wife and two lovely girls ..."

Public records show Zaid resigned from Saad's small aeronautics design firm, Shtech Ltd., last year.

Maillaud said he had not heard about any possible inheritance issue and that Zaid remains "a free man." The prosecutor also said it was a "miracle" that the dead couple's other daughter, 7-year-old Zaina, who was shot in the shoulder and beaten, survived.

She remained unconscious Friday in a medically induced coma in a Grenoble hospital, under close police ing with the girl to help identify or describe any suspects.

So far, authorities have



A view of the trailer where the slain British family were holidaying in a camp site of Saint Jorioz, near Annecy, French Alps, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. French prosecutors focused Friday on a feud between brothers as they searched for a motive in the slayings of a British-Iraqi family vacationing in the French Alps. Two young sisters survived the deaths of their parents and an older woman in the family car late Wednesday, as well as a French cyclist whose body was found nearby.

(AP Photo/Lionel Cironneau)

guard.

Maillaud said investigators looked forward to speak-

questioned her 4-year-old sister Zeena, but Maillaud said her account was filled with "kids' words."

She "was asked time and again to tell us who she was with," he said. "She said, 'With my daddy' and gave his first name, and 'With my mummy' and gave her first name, 'and my sister'."

Maillaud said the girl provided no other details that might advance the investigation.

For the first time in nearly two days, police allowed access to the site of the shooting, along a potholed, one-lane road near a mountain stream.

Broken glass and skid marks marred the parking area where the family was found.

Maillaud said each victim was shot at least three times and hit at least once in the head.

Investigators were looking for a green or dark-colored 4x4 vehicle and a motor-bike, based on a possible witness sighting.





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Obama DNC bounce undercut by jobs report

PORTSMOUTH, New Hampshire (AP) — President Barack Obama set off Friday on the final two months of a brutal climb toward the Nov. 6 election as the country woke up to new, grim unemployment numbers and Republican challenger Mitt Romney declared, "We're going in the wrong direction."

The night before, Obama accepted his party's nomination and warned voters that if they turned away from his message of hope and hard work in the November election, "you buy into the cynicism that the change we fought for isn't possible."

Friday's campaigning was dominated by a new Labor Department report showing that U.S. employers added just 96,000 jobs last month, failing to meet expectations. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent in July, but only because more people gave up looking for work.

"That's not good enough. We know it's not good enough," Obama told an audience in New Hampshire a few hours after the report's release. He said Republicans haven't offered specifics on how they would improve the economy because "they know their plan won't sell."

No president has won reelection with unemployment over 8 percent since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Romney said Obama's actions over the past few years give no confidence that he can create jobs or get the economy moving. "If last night was the party," Romney said in a statement, "this morning is the hangover."

With the race for the White House about dead even with two months before the election, each side accuses the other of not saying exactly what they would do to improve the econo-

The election could turn on whether voters see the economy as improving, remaining stagnant or getting worse under Obama. The economy was bleeding hundreds of thousands of jobs per month when Obama took office, but that does not comfort the



President Barack Obama wipes his brow during a speech a a campaign stop, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, in Portsmouth, N.H. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

No US jail time for Obama

'HOPE' poster artist Fairey

iobless today.

The government will issue two more monthly jobs reports before the election, including one on Nov. 2 four days before Election Day.

Obama campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt tried to shift the focus from Friday's new

publicans' own convention last week. "Mitt Romney didn't offer one idea that would create good-paying, sustainable jobs for the middle class," LaBolt said in a statement.

Obama contends that, having inherited one of the worst economic crises in history from former President George W. Bush, he needs more time to turn the nation around.

unemployment numbers to what he said were failings in Romney's economic plans presented at the Re-

LARRY NEUMEISTER **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — The artist who created the "HOPE" poster that came to symbolize Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign was ordered to do 300 hours of community service Friday for a criminal contempt conviction but was spared jail time.

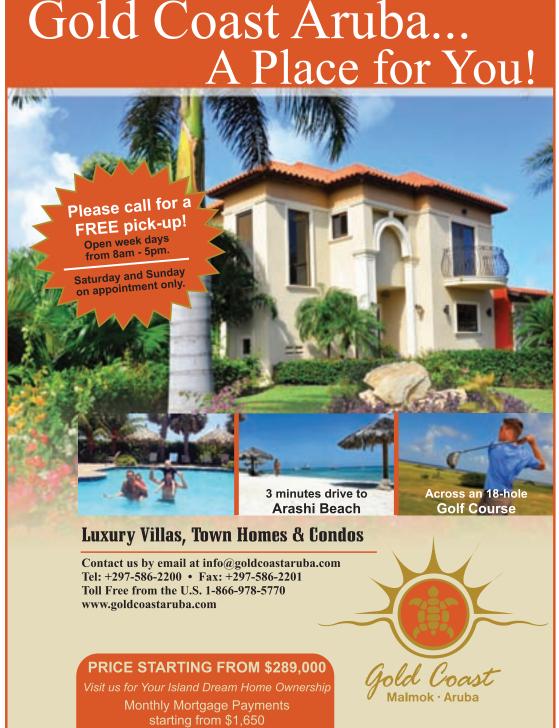
Shepard Fairey, 42, of Los Angeles nodded his head several times and said "OK" as U.S. Magistrate Judge Frank Maas told him he must commit no crimes during two years of probation and must pay a \$25,000 fine to the U.S. government.

During remarks before the sentence was announced, Fairey called his decision to fabricate evidence in a civil lawsuit he brought against The Associated Press in 2009 the "worst thing I've done in my life."

He also apologized.

"I am deeply ashamed and remorseful that I didn't live up to my own standards of honesty and integrity," he said. After the sentencing, Fairey hugged his lawyers, was kissed by his wife, and shook hands with more than a dozen friends who packed into the small Manhattan courtroom.

Maas said the sentence needed to send a message to others who might destroy or fabricate evidence in a civil case that the consequences of covering up what they did is far worse than telling the truth. But he said Fairey's considerable charity work over a long period of time mitigated the need for prison on a misdemeanor charge that carried a maximum potential sentence of six months. "Punishment has been and will be in the form of public disgrace," Maas said.



Korean War vet gets US, Canada sign Great Lakes pact belated honors in PR

BEN FOX Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Puerto Rican retiree who served in some of the bloodiest battles of the Korean War received a belated appreciation Fri-

ceremony at a monument to the 65th Infantry in San Juan. "This is a great moment for me."

The 65th Infantry, which during the Korean War was made up mostly of Puerto Ricans who had to con-



US Army Col. David J. Clark, right, director of the Department of Defense's 60th Anniversary Korean War Commemoration Committee, presents a a Bronze Star to Korean War veteran Luis Ramos, 90, during a ceremony attended by more than a dozen surviving members of the famed 65th Infantry Regiment, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. Ramos, who served with the mostly Puerto Rican unit that fought in some of the bloodiest battles of the war, received belated appreciation from the U.S. military, Friday.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

day from the U.S. military, receiving one of the Army's highest service medals as part of an effort to find and honor surviving veterans of the conflict before it is too

Luis Ramos was presented with a Bronze Star for serving as a radioman, a highly vulnerable job that required him to be in the thick of combat, as the Puerto Rico-based 65th Infantry Regiment fought Chinese and North Korean troops from 1950 until the conflict came to a stalemate in 1953.

Ramos, now 89 and living with his wife in Coral Springs, Florida, was pleased with the recognition despite the delay, which is not that uncommon among veterans of the Korean War, in which more than 36,000 U.S. military personnel died.

"I feel very proud, and very glad," Ramos told The Associated Press after the

tend with discrimination as well as enemy fire, received hundreds of medals for valor. One soldier, Pfc. Luis Fernando Garcia from the small island town of Utuado, received a posthumous Medal of Honor, the highest commendation

Somehow Ramos, who also served in World War II and went on to have a career in the U.S. Postal Service, never received his Bronze Star or several other commendations.

One of his five children, Luis Ramos Jr., said his father felt he and other veterans of the Korean War had been forgotten. The son wrote the Defense Department and they offered to correct the oversight.

"It was a tough war. He was close to getting killed many times," said the younger Ramos, a software engineer who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. 🔲

JOHN FLESHER

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan (AP) — The United States and Canada renewed a 40-year-old Great Lakes environmental pact Friday, pledging stepped-up efforts to reduce pollution, cleanse contaminated sites and prevent exotic species invasions. The updated Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement binds both nations to continue a cleanup and restoration initiative begun when the freshwater seas were a symbol of ecological decay. Many of their beaches were littered with foul algae blooms and dead fish. The Cuyahoga River, which flows into Lake Erie in Cleveland, was so choked with oil and chemicals that flames erupted on its surface in 1969.

The pact calls for further action on problems that inspired the original agreement three years after the embarrassing river fire. It sets targets for reducing nutrients that cause foul algae blooms and recommends further cleanup of harbors contaminated with toxic chemicals.

"This agreement is more than just a commitment to each other," Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson said before signing the document with Canadian Environ-



Canada's Minister of the Environment Peter Kent, seated left, and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, seated right, talk as Great Lakes Water Quality agreements are swapped for signing during a ceremony at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

ment Minister Peter Kent at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"It is also a commitment to those who will come after us, showing them the importance of leaving the Great Lakes in better shape than they were when we inherited them," she said.

The new version includes new sections on challenges that have emerged more recently: climate change, loss of wildlife habitat and a wave of invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels and Asian carp. It

also calls for the region's governments to identify potential threats so they can be dealt with before developing into big prob-

"We've learned the hard way that we should not wait for damage to occur before we take action," Jackson said. The agreement's success will depend on whether state and federal governments carry it out by enacting and enforcing strong laws and providing money, environmental activists said.

Bishop Robert Finn's conviction intensifying calls to step down

BILL DRAPER Associated Press KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

- Calls for Bishop Robert Finn's resignation intensified a day after he became the highest-ranking U.S. church official to be convicted of a crime related to the child sexual abuse scandal.

Soon after a Missouri judge found Finn guilty Thursday of one misdemeanor count of failing to report suspected child sexual abuse to the state.

unhappy Roman Catholics began discussing ways to get the bishop out of office on a Facebook page titled "Bishop Finn Must Go."

Among the posts was one that listed contact information for the Vatican and

parishioners to voice their displeasure with Finn at the highest levels. Pope Benedict XVI alone has authority over bishops. Through the decades-long abuse scan-

only one U.S. bishop has stepped down over his failures to stop abusive clergy: Cardinal Bernard Law, who in 2002 resigned as head of the Archdiocese of Boston. Jackson County Judge John M. Torrence sentenced Finn to two years of supervised probation. If the bishop abides by a set of stipulations from the judge, the conviction will be wiped from his record in

"Now that our justice system says he's guilty, he has lost his ability to lead our diocese,"

Kansas City Catholic Patricia Rotert said Friday. "He's lost his credibility.





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Aide:

Rep. Jackson home after depression treatment

CARLA K. JOHNSON Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., the son of the civil rights leader, has returned to his home in Washington after treatment for depression at Mayo Clinic, Jackson's chief of staff in suburban Chicago said Friday.

"He's at home in Washington convalescing with his wife and children," Jackson aide Rick Bryant said. "Let's hope he returns to work on Monday."

Congress goes back into session Monday following its summer break.

Bryant said he's not sure exactly when the Illinois congressman was discharged.



Former U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, right, meets with U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. Jackson Jr., the son of the civil rights leader, has returned to his home in Washington after treatment for depression at Mayo Clinic, Jackson's chief of staff in suburban Chicago said Friday.

(AP Photo/Office of Patrick J. Kennedy)

notable due to the high public profile of his father, civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, who made bids to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988.

His office said in August that

absence was all the more

His office said in August that he was being treated at Mayo because of depression, after a transfer from the Sierra Tucson Treatment Center in Arizona.

The clinic in Rochester. Minnesota, has said Jackson was being treated for Bipolar II, which means he was suffering from periodic episodes of depression and hypomania. Hypomania is a less serious form of mania. Former Rhode Island U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, who also has dealt with bipolar disorder and been treated at Mayo, said after visiting Jackson at the clinic last month that the current congressman has "a lot of work" ahead of him on the road to recovery.

7 Zimbabwe men indicted in U.S. tax fraud scheme

AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press
CINCINNATI (AP) — Seven
men from Zimbabwe have
been indicted on charges
of using the identities of
hundreds of Americans to
file false tax returns that
netted them up to \$10 mil-

An indictment alleges the men ran a tax preparation business in Cincinnati and between 2006 and 2010 used the identities of at least 658 people nationwide.

Federal authorities said Friday the men sent money and luxury cars back to Zimbabwe. Items seized by authorities include expensive watches and laptops. The men are charged with conspiracy, fraud, identity theft and money laundering. One is in custody. One is free pending a court hearing later this month. The others are believed to have fled the United States.



Mayo Clinic spokesman Chris Gade referred all questions to Jackson's office.

Jackson went on a secretive medical leave in June, when family members said he collapsed at home. His

per person

per day



was pronounced dead.

A man who said he wit-

nessed the shooting, but



Police fatally shoot Bronx bodega employee

left shoulder, Browne said,

and was taken to St. Barn-

abas Hospital, where he

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"The officer accidentally discharged his weapon, with one round entering Mr. Cuevas' left shoulder," Kelly told reporters at a news conference at 1 Police Plaza.

The episode unfolded around 2 a.m. when three men entered the store, Aneurys Deli, as it was closing and ordered the manager and Cuevas to lie on the floor as they stole cash, lottery tickets and cigarettes, police said.

Not long after the suspects

robbers scrambled toward the rear of the store.

Meanwhile, the manager of the bodega and Cuevas made a run for the front, where four police officers stood within feet of the door, Browne said. At least one of them, the same officer who had looked inside the bodega moments earlier, had his pistol drawn. The bodega manager emerged first, exiting without incident to safety. As he did, Browne said, the man made gestures indicating that a man inside the store was armed.

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A woman holds up a picture of Reynaldo Cuevas, 20, who was killed by police responding to an early morning robbery at a bodega in the Bronx borough of New York, Sept. 7, 2012. Initial investigations show that the shooting was the result of an accidental discharge that occurred when Cuevas collided with one of the officers responding to the robbery.

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

who declined to give his name, said he did not hear Cuevas say anything as he ran out of the store.

"He came out scared. The cops didn't say anything; no one did," the witness, 25, said. "He ran out with his hands out, and they shot him." The man added, "It was an honest mistake because the cops were frightened, as they were patrolling, he came running out." After Cuevas fell to the ground, an officer dragged him away from the scene by one of his arms.

After the shooting, a standoff ensued with the suspects inside the bodega and officers outside, Browne said. One of the suspects, Christopher Dorsey, 17, left the bodega and surrendered, Browne said.



A man writes on a makeshift memorial for Reynaldo Cuevas, 20, who was shot by police responding to a robbery at the bodega he was working at, in the Bronx borough of New York, Sept. 7, 2012.

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

entered the bodega, a customer glanced through a store window and saw a gunman pointing a pistol at two men on the floor, police said, and called 911.

Within minutes, police said, two officers from the local precinct station house and two housing officers from a nearby facility had arrived at the bodega.

Browne, the Police Department's chief spokesman, said one of the housing officers looked into the bodega to take stock of the situation.

When the three suspects saw that police had arrived, they tried to flee through a rear door, Browne said, adding that the bodega manager heard voices shouting "policia" as the

A moment later, Browne said, Cuevas emerged, moving quickly with his head lowered, almost as if he feared he might be followed by shots fired from inside.

He ran into an officer and "they became entangled," Browne said. At that point, he added, "a round goes off."

Cuevas fell to the sidewalk, Browne said, adding that the officer was partly knocked down.

"We believe it was an accidental discharge," Browne said.

Kelly said: "The tragedy here, of course, is that Mr. Cuevas was shot, but I see nothing wrong with the procedure."

Cuevas was struck in the



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UN aid appeal for Syria grows; battles intensify

EDITH M. LEDERER Associated Press UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The United Nations nearly doubled its humanitarian appeal for Syria on Friday, seeking \$347 million for people in need, including more than half a million children forced to flee their homes.

With the civil war intensifying, the number of people in need of assistance has doubled since July to 2.5 million, prompting the dramatic increase in the appeal for aid.

The plea comes even as the original appeal for \$180 million is only half-funded. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Kimoon has urged donors to increase their contributions. "At the moment, the entire civilian population inside Syria is gripped by fear and despair," John Ging, a senior U.N. humanitarian official, said after the U.N. humanitarian plan was launched Friday. "Humanitarian action is not a solution in conflict. The solution in conflict is political resolution ... but while there is failure to find that process ... we in the humanitarian

community have to step up and do more in ever more danaerous circumstances to help people who are suffering more."

Activists say more than 23,000 people have been killed in Syria since the up-

tarian aid for Syria.

The announcement came days after France decided to provide direct aid and money to five rebel-held Syrian cities as it intensifies efforts to weaken Assad.

It was the first such move

In this Friday Sept. 7, 2012 photo, released by Syria's state-run news agency, SANA, a firefighter extinguishes a burned car close to where an explosion went off between the buildings of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Justice, which are about 100 meters (yards) apart, in Damascus, Syria. (AP Photo/SANA)

rising against the regime of President Bashar Assad began in March 2011.

The European Union announced Friday it will provide an additional €60 million (\$76 million) in humaniby a western power amid mounting calls for the international community to do more to prevent blood-

In Italy on Friday, U.S. senators John McCain, Joe Lieberman and Lindsay Graham urged Washington to help arm Syria's rebels with weapons and create a safe zone inside the country for a transition government.

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said that more than 1.2 million people are displaced inside Syria, half of them children.

Another nearly 250,000 Syrian refugees are in neighboring Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq, including more than 100,000 people who were registered as refugees in August alone, Nesirky said.

Peter Maurer, the new president of the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross, said Friday he held "positive" talks with Assad this week on key humanitarian and human rights issues — freeing up the delivery of badly needed aid and gaining access to detainees.

He said Assad and other ministers generally agreed on the need to reduce barriers to delivering aid, and the president "expressed his readiness" to address the issue of prison detainees.

The U.N. plan was launched at the Syria Humanitarian Forum in Geneva, which brought together more than 350 participants from governments, regional and international organizations and U.N. humanitarian agencies to mobilize resources to help those uprooted by the conflict.

The updated U.N. humanitarian plan focuses on health, food, livelihoods, infrastructure repairs, community services, education and shelter in conflict areas including Homs, Hama, Idlib, Damascus, Deir el-Zour and Aleppo, as well as areas hosting large numbers of internally displaced

The agency is seeking funds for household items, medical assistance, rehabilitation of shelters and counseling of displaced populations, spokesman Adrian Edwards said in Geneva. The agency is also seeking help to provide financial assistance for 200,000 people considered vulnerable and to encourage displaced Syrian children to return to school, he said.





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Canada closes Tehran embassy, kicks out diplomats

ROB GILLIES Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Canada shut its embassy in Tehran on Friday, severed diplomatic relations and ordered Iranian diplomats to leave, accusing the Islamic Republic of being the most significant threat to world peace.

The surprise action reinforces the Conservative government's close ties with Tehran's arch foe Israel but also removes some of Washington's eyes and ears inside the Iranian capital.

It comes as Iran's talks with world powers over its nuclear program have stalled and Israel is weighing the option of a military strike to prevent it from developing atomic weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful objectives only.

The move also underscores the widening gaps between Western countries' attempts to isolate and punish Iran and Tehran's efforts to forge closer ties with energy-hungry Asian trading partners such as India and Pakistan to counter Western sanc-

tions. Iran's recent push to bolster and redefine its links with Asia makes the break with Canada a less serious blow to Tehran than it would have been years ago.

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Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said that the Canadian embassy in Tehran will close immediately and Iranian diplomats in Canada have been given five days to leave.

A spokesman for Iran's foreign ministry, Ramin Mehmanparast, called Canada's decision "hasty and extreme" and said that Iran would soon respond, the semiofficial Fars news agency reported.

A note in Persian posted on the door of Iran's embassy in Ottawa read: "Because of the hostile decision by the government of Canada, the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Ottawa is closed and has no choice but to stop providing any consular services for its dear citizens."

Baird said Canada was of-

ficially designating Iran a state sponsor of terrorism and gave a long list of reasons for Canada's decision, including Tehran's support assistance to the Assad regime; it refuses to comply with U.N. resolutions pertaining to its nuclear program; it routinely threatens the



RCMP officers patrol outside the Iranian embassy in Ottawa, Friday Sept. 7, 2012. The Canadian government says it is shutting its embassy in Tehran and severing diplomatic relations amid recent attacks on foreign diplomats in Iran. Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Friday that the Canadian embassy in Tehran will close immediately and Iranian diplomats in Canada have been given five days to leave. He says he's worried about the safety of diplomats in Tehran following recent attacks on the British embassy there. He's also warning Canadians to avoid traveling to Iran.

(AP Photo/Fred Chartrand)

existence of Israel and engages in racist anti-Semitic rhetoric and incitement to genocide," Baird said in a statement. "It is among the

world's worst violators of human rights; and it shelters and materially supports terrorist groups."

Baird said he also was worried about the safety of diplomats in Tehran following attacks on the British embassy there.

Britain downgraded ties with Iran following an attack on its embassy in Tehran in November 2011, which it insists was sanctioned by the Islamic Republic's ruling elite. After the attack, Britain pulled all of its diplomats out of Iran and expelled Iranian diplomats from U.K. soil.

Most European countries maintain a diplomatic presence in Tehran despite increased tensions over European Union sanctions that block imports of Iranian oil. The Swiss represent diplomatic interests of the United States, which broke ties with Tehran after protesters stormed the U.S. Embassy in the chaotic months following the Islamic Revolution in 1979. Fifty-two Americans were held for 444 days.

Experts caution a 'perfect storm' brewing for European economy

DAN PERRY Associated Press

CERNOBBIO, Italy (AP) — Experts and leaders gathered in Italy may disagree on the cure, but the malady seems clear: the world economy faces a "perfect storm" of risks that include prolonged crisis in a structurally flawed Europe, political paralysis pushing America off a "fiscal cliff,"

a slowdown in the emerging economies drying up the last of global growth, and the spectacularly destabilizing prospect of war over Iran's nuclear program. A world of such unpredictable peril is also one in which jitters suppress the appetite for private and corporate risk, yielding meager investment and low consumption and prolonging the woes that snuck up on a booming world in the summer of 2007 as a "credit crunch", mushrooming a year later into the Great Recession. Many attendees at the annual Ambrosetti Forum at Lake Como on Friday fretted about mounting U.S. debt and the Europe's inability to balance electorates' apparent insistence on national sovereignty with the need for regional coherence to salvage the teetering euro.

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dent Bashar Assad in that

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viding increasing military

country's civil war.

But economist Nouriel Roubini predicted years of gloom almost regardless of what is decided.

That analysis is rooted in the specific nature of this crisis, a downward spiral in which a financial meltdown largely caused by excess credit was defused by a blast of public spending; that 2009 stimulus, widely credited with avoiding a global depression.

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Russia and China pledge support for Asia growth

ELAINE KURTENBACH
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VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) — China will ensure steady and robust growth by boosting domestic demand and rebalancing its economy to help counter the obstacles hindering a global recovery, President Hu Jintao pledged Saturday to Asia-Pacific leaders gathered for a regional summit. Asia remains the biggest driver of global growth, despite a decline in Chinese growth to a three-year low of 7.6 percent in the second quarter, and Beijing is struggling to create enough jobs and cope with the adverse impact of the debt crisis on its own economy, Hu acknowledged.

"The global economy has reached a critical juncture, and we face the arduous task of overcoming major difficulties standing in the way in order to achieve full recovery and ensure steady growth," Hu told business leaders gathered on the sidelines of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in this Russian Far East seaport.Revitalizing trade and growth is an urgent priority for APEC, whose aim is to dismantle barriers and bottlenecks that slow trade and business while nurturing closer economic ties. Both China and host Russia pledged to do what they can to support those aims.

U.S. suspends radar support in Honduras

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MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras

(AP) — The United States has suspended sharing of radar intelligence with Honduras because the Central American nation's air force shot down two suspected drug planes in violation of agreements with Washington, the State Department and U.S. military confirmed Friday.

The decision came after two separate incidents in July, when civilian aircraft were shot down off the coast of northern Honduras, said William Ostick, spokesman for the State Department's Western Hemispheric Affairs Office. The U.S. agreement with Honduras for information sharing specifically prohibits shooting down civilian aircraft.

"We don't have information about the occupants or the cargo," said Ostick, who didn't say when the suspension began.

A State Department official said the radar intelligence was blocked starting in mid-August. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

Quakes kill at least 80 in mountainous SW China

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Twin earth-quakes and a spate of aftershocks struck southwestern China on Friday, toppling thousands of houses and sending boulders cascading across roads. At least 80 people were killed and hundreds injured in the remote mountainous area, and more than 100,000 residents were evacuated.

Damage was preventing rescuers from reaching outlying towns, and communications were disrupted after the midday quakes hit along the borders of Guizhou and Yunnan provinces, a region of small farms and mines where some of China's poorest people live.

The first magnitude-5.6 quake struck just before 11:30 a.m. and was followed by an equally strong quake shortly after noon, joined by dozens of aftershocks. Though of moderate strength, the quakes were shallow, which often causes more damage.

Hardest hit was Yiliang County, where all but one of the deaths occurred, according to the Yunnan provincial government's official website. Another 730 people in the area were injured, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said. Yiliang's high population density, flimsy building construction and landslide-prone hill-sides were blamed for the relatively high death toll.



People run as fallen rocks land near their vehicle after the area was hit by earthquake in Zhaotong town, Yiliang County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. A series of earthquakes collapsed houses and triggered landslides Friday in a remote mountainous part of southwestern China where damage was preventing rescues and communications were disrupted. At least 64 deaths have been reported. (AP Photo)

China Central Television showed roads littered with rocks and boulders and pillars of dust rising over hill-tops from the landslides. One image taken just as one quake struck showed people running out of a supermarket as the ground shook.

Other footage showed several hundred people crowding into a school athletic field in Yiliang's county seat, a sizable city spread along a river in a valley, as well as soldiers carrying injured people and rescue materials.

Though quakes occur in the area frequently, buildings in rural areas and China's fast-growing smaller cities and towns are often constructed poorly. A magnitude-7.9 quake that hit Sichuan province, just north of Yunnan, in 2008 killed nearly 90,000 people, with many of the deaths blamed on poorly built structures, including schools.

Friday's quakes destroyed 6,650 homes across several counties and townships, Xinhua said. The Yunnan seismology bureau said more than 100,000 people were evacuated from their homes. All told, 700,000 people had their lives disrupted by the quake, Xinhua said.



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South Africa's alliance blames mining companies

MICHELLE FAUL Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The African National Congress and its governing partners in South Africa on Friday accused mining companies of stirring up union rivalries at the heart of a violent strike that led police to kill 34 striking miners.

The pointing of fingers and shifting of blame highlights divisions between the ANC and its partners, the South African Communist Party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions during the run-up to a December ANC congress that will decide the future of South African President Jacob 7uma.

A joint statement Friday accused various companies and employers of "fanning up conflict between the unions and thus, conflict

amongst the workers themselves."

It noted that similar union rivalries earlier this year at Implats platinum mine ended with the mine firing all workers and selectively rehiring some on less preferential conditions.

"It is therefore our considered view that employers have an interest in fanning this conflict to reverse the gains achieved by workers over a long period of time," the alliance partners said, accusing the country's platinum industry of following "the story of the power and belief in divide and rule."

The statement makes no reference to striking miners' accusations that shop stewards of the National Union of Mineworkers, the country's largest and politically connected union, are

seen as cozying up to management and that leaders of the union are putting politics before shop-floor problems of its members. The Aug. 16 police shoot-

ings of more than 100 miners at London-registered Lonmin PLC platinum mine northwest of Johannesburg has raised a national outcry that is still reverberating.



Mine workers sing and dance as they welcome their colleagues after they were released from prison, at Lonmin Platinum Mine near Rustenburg, South Africa. The African National Congress and its governing partners in South Africa on Friday accused mining companies of stirring up union rivalries at the heart of a violent strike that led police to kill 34 striking miners.

(AP Photo/Themba Hadebe)

Zuma said last week that the state of the mines and plight of mineworkers will be discussed at the December congress. The last such ANC meeting was marked by calls for the mines to be nationalized as the only way to equitably share the country's rich resources.

Breakaway unions that have taken away thousands of NUM members say leading black politicians have been enriched by their shares in mining companies, creating a source of conflict that means they can never fully support the workers' struggle for better conditions.

The NUM is the cornerstone of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, known as C OSATU, and its leaders are spearheading Zuma's bid for re-election as president of the ANC, which would guarantee him another five-year term as president of Africa's richest nation. Yet the secretary general of COSATU, Zwelinzima Vavi, is anti-Zuma.

Sect claims Nigeria cell tower attacks

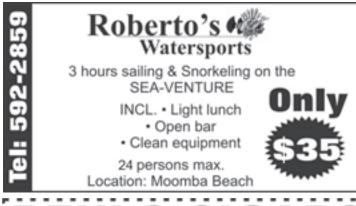
HARUNA UMAR Associated Press MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)

— A radical Islamist sect claimed responsibility Friday for attacks on mobile phone towers which have crippled communications in Nigeria's northeast, as security forces struggling to control the violence said they had gunned down seven suspected sect members.

At least 31 tower attacks occurred since Wednesday in six northern Nigerian states, from the central state of Kano to the far eastern state of Borno. A statement attributed to Boko Haram and emailed to local journalists late Thursday said the group "launched attacks on mobile phone company establishments because of

the help they are giving to security agents." The statement, in the Hausa language of Nigeria's mainly Muslim north, said the cooperation of phone

companies had led to sect members being tracked down and arrested.





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Indian FM visits Pakistan amid thaw

SEBASTIAN ABBOT Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — India's foreign minister landed in Pakistan for talks Friday, the latest sign of a thaw in relations between two

including the disputed territory of Kashmir. But Krishna and his Pakistani counterpart, Hina Rabbani Khar, are expected to announce a new visa regime that will make travel easier

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It can currently be difficult for citizens of either country to get a visa to visit the other. Pakistan and India have been at odds ever since they were both carved out of British India in 1947 amid religious bloodshed on both sides. Pakistan was formed as a Muslim-majority state, while the predominant religion in India is Hinduism.

Relations reached a recent low point in 2008 when Pakistan-based militants killed over 160 people in the Indian city of Mumbai. Indian officials have blamed Pakistan's intelligence agency for supporting the militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba that is blamed for the attack, and has demanded the government punish those responsible.

"India has repeatedly stressed, including at the highest level, the need for an expeditious and successful conclusion of the trial in Pakistan relating to those involved with the Mumbai terror attacks," said Krishna in his interview.



Tahir Naveed Chaudhry, left, the lawyer of a Christian girl accused of blasphemy, talks with other lawyers outside a court proceeding in Islamabad, Pakistan on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. A Pakistani judge granted bail Friday to a young, mentally challenged Christian girl accused of insulting Islam for burning pages of the religion's holy book. Rights activists welcomed the decision after calling for her release since she was arrested three weeks ago.

(AP Photo/B.K. Bangash)



Pakistan's Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar, right, shakes hands with her Indian counterpart S.M. Krishna in Islamabad, Pakistan on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. Krishna arrived in Pakistan to discuss bilateral issues between India and Pakistan.

(AP Photo/B.K. Bangash)

countries that have fought three major wars against each other.

The three-day visit by S.M. Krishna is not expected to produce breakthroughs on the major conflicts between the two neighbors,

in both directions.

"A new and liberalized visa agreement has been finalized," Krishna said in an interview published Friday in Pakistan's The Express Tribune. "It seeks to introduce or considerably improve

Pakistan Christian girl in Quran case to be freed

REBECCA SANTANA Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — In a rare move, a Pakistani judge granted bail Friday to a young, mentally challenged Christian girl accused of insulting Islam by burning pages of the religion's holy book.

Activists who had pressed for the girl's release wel-

comed the rare decision to grant bail in a blasphemy case. But defense lawyers expressed concern for her safety in a conservative country where blasphemy allegations often result in vigilante justice.

The girl's plight has drawn new attention to Pakistan's harsh blasphemy laws, which critics claim are used to persecute minorities and settle personal vendettas.

The girl, who medical officials say is 14 years old, was arrested Aug. 16 after an angry mob surrounded her house in the capital, Islamabad, and accused her of burning pages from the Quran, an act punishable by life in prison. Her lawyer has denied the allegation. The judge's decision, which was handed down Friday in an Islamabad court, came after a Muslim cleric from her neighborhood was accused of planting evidence to incriminate the girl and could signal that the case will be thrown out entirely. Police arrested the cleric after a follower from his mosque accused him of stashing pages of a Quran in the girl's bag to make it seem as if she burned them. He allegedly planted the evidence to push Christians out of the neighborhood and is now being investigated for blasphemy himself. He has denied the

allegation.





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The Sunset Grill will be hosting a special dinner Saturday night, prepared by World Reknowned Executive Chef, Ruth van Waerebeek. Ms. van Waerebeek is the executive chef for Concha y Toro. She will be guiding this Food and Wine Pairing Dinner, where culinary delights meet exclusive Chilean Wines. The menu for this delightful event will be as follows: Aperitif: Casillero Del Diablo Sparkling Wine

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Dessert: Chestnut and bitter chocolate truffle cake with mixed berry caramel sauce, paired with Marques

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Regarding developments at the Aruba Valero Refinery:

Aruba Bankers' Association responds to community's immediate needs

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-The banks are willing to consider different alternatives to help alleviate the current financial burden, such as the restructuring of loans or interest payments to bridge the period.

The banks realize that there are other projects in the community that are being worked on but the immediate impact on employees and companies will have to be addressed now.

In the short term the banks will meet with these companies, the unions, and all other stakeholders in its effort to address and or gain more insight on this serious matter.

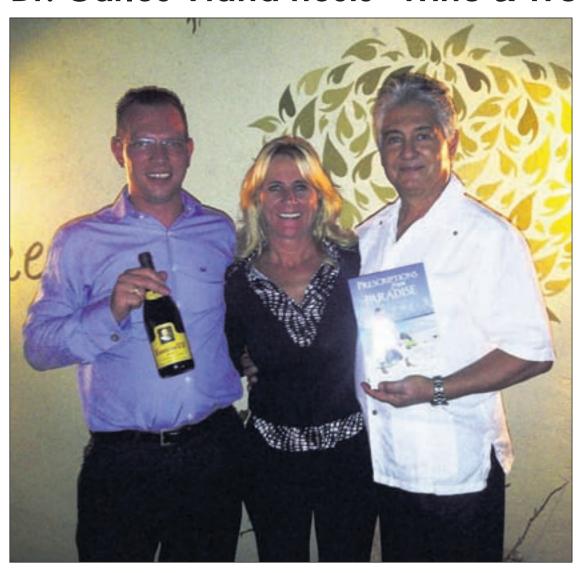
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3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

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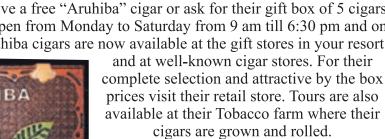
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The delicious brunch menu was just recently refreshed and features abundant specialties by the culinary artists of the restaurant.

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The brunch buffet at the Sunset Grille will greet patrons with breakfast and lunch classics such as bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs and breakfast potatoes, assorted breakfast cheese platter with crackpastries and breads, meats

and cheese cold cuts, bagels & cream cheese, and two different soups with traditional pica di papaya.

The salad station includes three styles of salad such as the mix and match tomato. cucumber, red beets, kernel corn, and sliced mushrooms, accompanied by assorted salad dressings, popular garnished such as olives, cocktail onions and marinated artichoke hearts, freshly composed salads such as potato salad, coleslaw, pasta, antipasto and chicken salad as well as fresh seafood ceviche.

Other buffet specialties include peel and eat shrimp with cocktail sauce, baby mozzarella with salmon gravlax, an imported ers, a variety of mixed nuts and smoked peppered mackerel

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BMW Championship



Vijay Singh of Fiji watches his approach shot on the seventh fairway during the second round of the BMW Championship PGA golf tournament at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Friday, Sept. 7, 2012

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Singh takes 1-shot lead

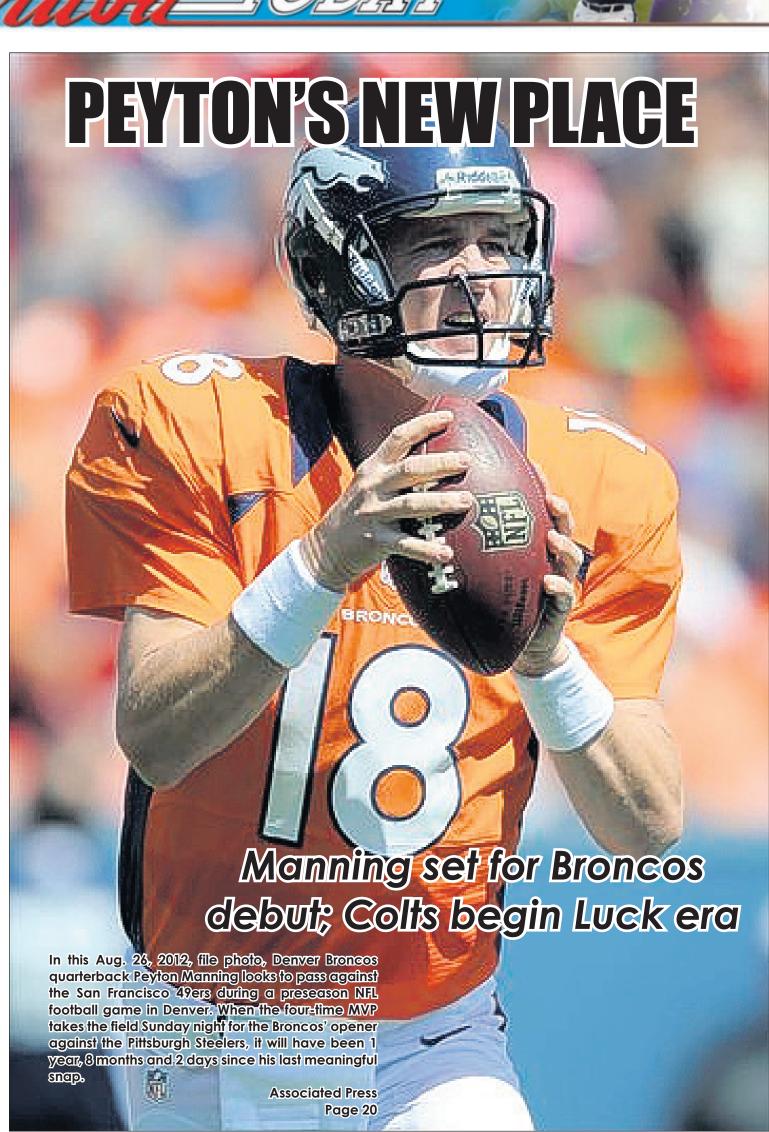
DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CARMEL, Indiana (AP) — Vijay Singh keeps giving himself chances to end four years without a PGA Tour victory. He made four birdies around the turn Friday for a 6-under 66 in the BMW Championship, putting his name atop the leader-board for the second time in his last four tournaments. It won't get any easier the rest of the way.

Tiger Woods was one shot behind. So was Rory Mc-Ilroy. Going into a stormfilled weekend at Crooked Stick, four players who have reached No. 1 in the world were among the top six.

"I've got to keep it going,"
Singh said. "I've been playing well for two days for a while now, but I need four days of good playing.
Sooner or later, I think four days is going to happen.
And hopefully, it starts this week."

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Van Persie scores in 2-0 Dutch win over Turkey

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Robin van Persie grabbed his 30th international goal and Luciano Narsingh scored his second to give an inexperienced Netherlands team a 2-0 win over Turkey in their opening World Cup quali-

Van Persie, who scored four times in his last two matches for Manchester United, gave the Netherlands the lead in the 17th minute from Wesley Sneijder's corner, rising between three Turkey defenders to send a glancing header into the far corner. Narsingh rounded off a quick break to add the second in injury time. "We won on willpower and

With the Netherlands coming of a disastrous European Championship campaign, new coach Louis van Gaal picked a revamped back four that featured three players with a total of seven caps between them and a

effort," captain Sneijder



Robin van Persie of the Netherlands, left, heads the ball to score 1-0 passing Goalkeeper Tolga Zengin of Turkey, center, during the Group D qualifying soccer match for the 2014 World Cup at Amsterdam ArenA, Netherlands, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012.

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goalkeeper, Newcastle's rienced Dutch defense in the Group D match at Tim Krul, with only three international appearances. Blunders by the inexpe-

nearly aifted Turkey two goals in the first half, but the visitors could not capitalize scored, Bruno Martins Indi

Amsterdam Arena. Shortly before Van Persie

for the equalizer, Narsingh gathered a long clearance almost at the final whistle and calmly lifted the ball over goalkeeper Tolga Zengin to seal the Dutch victory.

ous cross he should have left for Krul into his own net. The Fevenoord defender made amends by scrambling back to clear the ball off the line. Ten minutes later, left back Jetro Willems lost the ball to Arda Turan close to his own goal, but the Turkey and Atletico Madrid forward sent his shot wide. "There were a few individual mistakes. We were lucky they weren't punished," Sneijder said.

Turkey came closest when Umut Bulut outjumped Krul but headed against the bar four minutes before halftime and Krul dived to his right in the second half to save a fierce drive by Hamit Altintop. As Turkey pushed forward

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Azarenka to meet S.Williams in U.S. Open final

HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Normally so good, so gritty, in the crucible of the third set, Maria Sharapova finally met her match against Victoria Azarenka in their U.S. Open semifinal on Friday.

Coming all the way back from a set and a break down, the top-seeded Azarenka prevailed in a stirring third, beating four-time Grand Slam champion Sharapova 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 to reach her first U.S. Open final.

"This one didn't go my way," Sharapova said. "Frustrating, but it's the game of tennis. A lot of swings in the match today. Certainly had the lead and the advantage."

Sharapova had been 12-0 in three-setters this year, and had won 78 consecutive matches in which she took the opening set, dating back to 2010. But

Azarenka broke in the last game to push her own 2012 record to 12-0 in matches that went to three.

"I didn't know that statistic," Azarenka said during an on-court interview. "It's pretty good."

On Saturday, Australian Open champion Azarenka will play in her second major final of the season and career — against 14-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams. Seeking a fourth title at Flushing Meadows, the fourthseeded Williams wasted little time or energy while overwhelming 10th-seeded Sara Errani of Italy 6-1, 6-2. Williams, trying to become the first 30-year-old woman to win the U.S. Open since Martina Navratilova in 1987, compiled a 38-6 edge in winners in her 64-minute semifinal against Errani.

Since a surprising exit at the French Open in late May, her only first-round loss in





Victoria Azarenka, left, of Belarus, reacts during her match against Maria Sharapova, of Russia; and Serena Williams, right, reacts while playing against Italy's Sara Errani during a semifinal match at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, in New York. Associated Press

49 appearances at major tournaments, Williams is 25-1, including a title at Wimbledon and gold medal at the London Olympics.

Williams has a 9-1 career record against Azarenka.

"I've got to do something different, to be honest," Az-

arenka said.

Asked whether she would watch video of their past matches, Azarenka joked: "Well, I don't want to be depressed."

Then again, the way Azarenka dealt with Sharapova, she's probably feeling

pretty good about herself. She certainly looked pleased while doing a little jig after Sharapova's forehand sailed long on the final point of their 2-hour, 42-minute quarterfinal.

"I was just not trying to focus on the score," Azarenka said. "Trying to give whatever it takes."

Sharapova double-faulted 10 times, a recurring theme ever since she returned from surgery on her right shoulder in 2008.

"I gave her too many free points," Sharapova said.

This has been a resurgent year for the Russian, who completed a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open in June, was the runner-up at the Australian Open and the Olympics, and briefly returned to No. 1 in the rankings — a spot that now belongs to Azarenka. "I'll take the results I had this year," Sharapova said.



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NFL Preview

Replacement refs shouldn't bother NFL rookies

BARRY WILNER AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One thing the NFL hopes everyone notices is the youth wave, particularly behind center where 10 starting quarterbacks are in either their first or second pro sea-

Something the league doesn't want anyone focusing on as the 2012 season begins: The replacement officials.

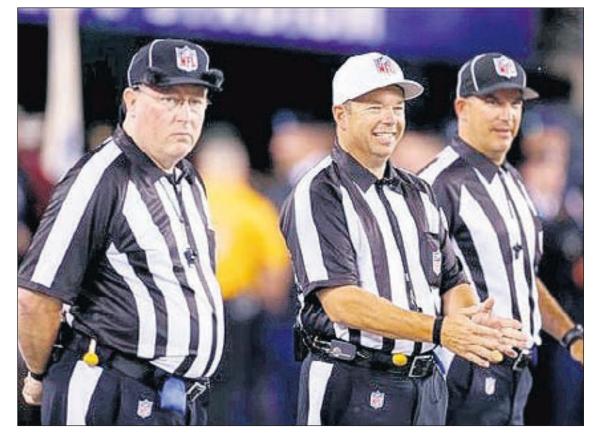
When top draftees Andrew Luck of the Indianapolis Colts and Robert Griffin III of the Washington Redskins make their NFL debuts on Sunday, they will do so with newcomers carrying the whistles

The league locked out the NFL Referees Association in June after the on-field officials' contract expired, and negotiations have gone nowhere.

So officials from the lower levels of the college game, arena ball and even the Lingerie Football League will be throwing the flags this week.

"Regardless, we've got to go out there and execute and take it out of their hands," San Diego safety Eric Weddle says. "Let's go out and play good football, execute at a high level and then they won't be in position to throw flags and make judgment calls."

College stars like Luck, RG3, Trent Richardson and Morris Claiborne won't notice any difference in the officiating



Referee Jim Core, center, gestures alongside other game officials before an NFL football game between the New York Giants and the Dallas Cowboys, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in East Rutherford,

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because they're rookies. Luck takes the Colts to Chicago, while Griffin and the Redskins are in New Orleans.

If a perennial contender is going to fall apart and start rebuilding, it would be wise to follow the Colts' path.

With the previously indestructible Peyton Manning sidelined in 2011 after a neck surgery, Indianapolis plummeted to the bottom of the standings. Perfect timing: Luck was available in the draft to replace the Indy icon.

While Luck has looked poised in preseason, dealing with the real thing against a Chicago defense that can cause havoc for blockers is problematic even if Bears star linebacker Brian Urlacher is slowed by knee woes.

"I can't wait to see him perform again, along with everybody else," Colts coach Chuck Pagano said of Luck. "So I guess I'm excited and anxious just like he is. I think we're all excited to see him when it really counts."

Possibly the most intriguing

matchup of the opening week is Redskins-Saints, as fans get to see how much impact RG3 will have on the Redskins' offense and whether he will be running for survival behind a banged-up line.

"I didn't think I would, but I do feel different. I feel like the guys are, 'it's real,' " Griffin said. "It's not that guys weren't out here working hard or anything like that, but I think everyone's working knowing that stuff counts."

New Orleans is without line-

backer Jonathan Vilma for the season and defensive end Will Smith for four games as punishment for their roles in the Saints' bounty program. Coach Sean Payton also is gone for the year and interim coach Joe Vitt is out for the first six games, leaving offensive line coach Aaron Kromer in charge.

Kromer says "this isn't adversity — having a new coach (in) Game 1, having Joe Vitt during the preseason, having Sean Payton have to leave when he did. That's an opportunity for all of us to step up. "

Elsewhere on Sunday, San Francisco is at Green Bay and Pittsburgh at Denver for the return of Peyton Manning in spotlight games. Also, it's New England at Tennessee, Carolina at Tampa Bay, Miami at Houston, Atlanta at Kansas City, Buffalo at the New York Jets, Seattle at Arizona, St. Louis at Detroit, and Jacksonville at Minnesota. Monday night's doubleheader has a strong AFC North matchup of Cincinnati at Baltimore, followed by a not-so-strong AFC West matchup of San Diego at Oakland.

The action began on Wednesday when the Super Bowl champion New York Giants were stunned 24-17 by Dallas, which got three touchdown passes from Tony Romo, two to unheralded receiver Kevin

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Manning returns to the field after 20-month hiatus

ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER (AP) — When the four-time NFL MVP with the four-time surgically repaired neck takes the field on Sunday for the Denver Broncos' opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers, it will have been 1 year, 8 months and 2 days since Peyton Manning's last meaningful snap.

What a long, strange journey it's been.

Manning's march began with an irritated nerve in his neck that got worse and eventually weakened his throwing arm, leading to a series of operations that forced him to miss all of the 2011 season

Without him, the Indianapolis Colts nosedived and then decided to rebuild from top to bottom, including selecting Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck with the top pick in the draft.

So, they cut Manning loose on March 7, marking the end of an era, a 14-year alliance between the team that drafted him No. 1 overall and the quarterback who brought Indianapolis from football irrelevance to the 2007 Super Bowl title and a second appearance in the NFL championship game three years later.

A thousand miles away, Denver was Tim Tebow's turf. But management wasn't completely sold on the exalted but erratic passer for whom coach John Fox had dusted off the old read-option offense last season.

Two weeks after he stood alongside Colts owner Jim Irsay at an emotional farewell news conference, Manning was standing next to Broncos boss John Elway, the powerful pair of Super Bowl winners talking about hoisting another Lombardi

Trophy, this time together. And soon.

While that quest begins in earnest on Sunday, it had its roots in Denver long before Manning ever dreamed he'd be wearing the orange-mane mustang on his helmet instead of the horse shoe.

Shortly after signing with the Broncos, Manning visited baseball's Coors Field with wide receiver Eric Decker and revealed that he had worked out with his friend, Rockies first baseman Todd Helton, during the NFL lockout last year.

While Manning, who unseated Helton as the starting quarterback at the University of Tennessee in the mid-1990s, was rehabbing from neck surgery, Helton helped arrange for him to use the Rockies' facilities to work out

"He's a great friend," Manning said that day at the ballpark. "What he did for me last year, allowing me to use this facility, use the trainers to work out as part of my rehab process. I've come a long way ... They were a big part of it. The whole Rockies organization, I can't thank them enough for opening their doors to me last year when I certainly was an outsider. I'll always be indebted to them."

Manning's right triceps had atrophied after one of his neck surgeries. He told the New York Times recently that when he went with Helton and a Rockies trainer to an indoor batting cage at Denver's downtown ballpark, the first pass he threw to Helton nose-dived so much that Helton actually thought he was just goofing around.

He was dead serious. His arm was shot, his future in American football in doubt.



In this Aug. 26, 2012, file photo, Denver Broncos quarter-back Peyton Manning (18) warms up before a preseason NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Denver.

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A few days later, an MRI revealed that Manning needed spinal fusion surgery. Nobody realized it at the time, but Manning's days in Indy

were numbered. Brandon Stokley, who re-

Brandon Stokley, who rejoined his former quarterback in Denver this summer, said he never knew things had become that bad for Manning.

"I really didn't see him throw until we went to Duke" during Manning's free agency tour in March, Stokley said.

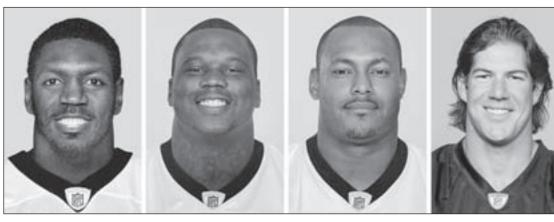
"And I purposefully didn't ask him, 'Hey, how you throwing? How you doing?' I wanted to just go out there and judge for myself, and I was like, 'Wow, he looks really good. And I was impressed.

But I didn't see him during the season or during the lockout."

Few did. Manning got stronger and stronger and by the time he left Indianapolis, he had a doctor's note saying he was ready to return to work. He proved that in private workouts for several teams.

The Broncos signed him to a five-year, \$96 million deal that can be torn up after this season if his health doesn't hold up.

Panel vacates bounty suspensions



From left are NFL football players Jonathan Vilma, in 2011; Anthony Hargrove, in 2010; Will Smith, in 2011; and Scott Fujita, in 2011.

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The suspensions of four players in the NFL's bounty investigation have been lifted by a three-member appeals panel. The league reinstated those players a few minutes after Friday's ruling. The panel said Commis-

sioner Roger Goodell did not have jurisdiction to hear the players' appeals of their punishment for their roles in the New Orleans Saints bounty program that paid cash bonuses for hits that injured opponents.

While the ruling allows

Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma, Saints defensive end Will Smith, Cleveland linebacker Scott Fujita and free agent defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove to play immediately, it does not permanently void their suspensions.

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Aries Merritt sets world record in 110 hurdles

RAF CASERT AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Aries Merritt already had the Olympic gold, so there was only one way to make this season even more special.

And in his last — near-perfect — 100-meter hurdles race of the year, the American put in a world recordbreaking performance that had even himself shaking his head in disbelief.

Merritt finished in 12.80 seconds at the Van Damme Memorial, slicing a full 0.07 seconds off the four-year-old world record held by Cuba's Dayron Robles.

In an event where records are usually broken by one or two hundredths of a second at a time, Merritt was as stunned as the crowd when his time came up.

"It was 'What? What? What is this I am seeing?" he said. "I just started screaming because I was in complete shock because I could not believe I could run that fast."

It was by far the marquee moment of the final Diamond League meet of the season, totally upstaging Usain Bolt's routine 100-meter victory in 9.86.

Merritt shot out of the blocks and didn't touch any of the 10 hurdles he swept over. Sensing the moment had come, he lunged at the line with both arms flung backward and chest outward.

The American already had the six top times of the season and had come within 0.05 seconds of Robles' mark. But in balmy conditions with a slight tail wind,



U.S. athlete Aries Merritt wins the 110 meters hurdles and sets a new world record of 12.80, at the Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics event at Brussels' King Baudouin Stadium, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012.

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he finally shattered the record.

"It was almost perfect,"
Merritt said. "I knew the track was going to be scorching."

So was he.

Merritt dominated this entire season while stars like Liu Xiang and Robles struggled to keep up and then both pulled up injured at the London Olympics.

He knew he was in striking distance of the world record, clocking 12.93 in three races and winning the Olympic final in 12.92. "I knew one day (I'd break the record), I didn't know when," he said. "It was kind of getting frustrating, because I kept running the same time over and over." He had hoped to break it in Lausanne on Aug. 23, but he was so pumped with

BMW Championship

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Woods started slowly and finished strong, with birdies on his last two holes for a 67. Mcllroy, coming off what he called one of the best ball-striking rounds of his life, had to overcome four bogeys for a hardearned 68. Joining them one shot out of the lead was Ryan Moore, who had a 66 and seems to play well in the BMW Championship no matter which state it is held.

Lee Westwood (65) and Indiana native Bo Van Pelt (69) were two shots off the lead.

Singh was at 13-under 131 on Crooked Stick, a Pete Dye course that is vulnerable to low scoring because of rain over the last several days. The second round was played early Friday to beat approaching thunderstorms, and the times were pushed back slightly Saturday to recover from whatever rain falls overnight.

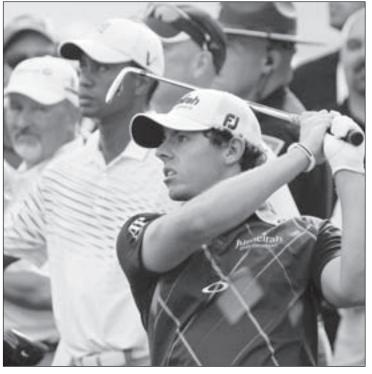
These are supposed to be the FedEx Cup playoffs. The scores make it look like the old Bob Hope Classic, especially after a week in which McIlroy won on the TPC Boston at 20-under 264. "You come to a Pete Dye golf course, and you don't expect to see 13-under par leading after two days," Woods said.

He was happy just to be in the mix. For the second straight day, Woods wasn't particularly sharp in any area of his game except for posting a score.

"I didn't have it with my swing," Woods said. "Just kind of fighting it around here. You look up at the scores, the guys are just running off. I just wanted to get to double digits (under par) today. I felt like that would have been a good accomplishment the way I was hitting the golf ball, and happy to get a couple of more."

Mcllroy's mistakes all seemed to cost him, whether it was a three-putt bogey or bad lies when he missed the green. He was helped by a brilliant approach on the par-5 ninth to just inside 5 feet for eagle.

"I put myself in a great position going into the weekend," McIlroy said. "The round wasn't quite as good as it was yesterday. I didn't hit the ball quite as well. But I still managed to get around in 4-under par. I'm very pleased about that. I just need to try and find a little more consistency. It wasn't that bad out there, but just a couple of missed tee shots and a couple of



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, tees off on the third hole as Tiger Woods looks on, during the second round of the BMW Championship PGA golf tournament at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Friday, Sept. 7, 2012.

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missed iron shots."

McIlroy and Woods are both going for a PGA Tourleading fourth win of the year.

Singh would settle for just one win at this point. His last victory was the Deutsche Bank Championship in 2008, the year he won the opening two FedEx Cup playoff events and essentially clinched the \$10 million bonus. He would not have guessed that would be his last win. Since then,

he has coped with nagging injuries and has been regaining his form and his confidence.

He shared the 36-hole lead at the PGA Championship with Woods and Carl Pettersson, but a 74-77 weekend sent him plummeting to a tie for 36th. Two weeks ago, he was one shot behind going into the weekend at Bethpage Black until a 76-75 weekend dropped him into a tie for 46th. The big Fijian had a

good weekend in Boston, but that only covered up a poor start.

As for what's keeping him from four solid days, Singh isn't sure.

"I have no idea," he said. "I guess I want it so bad that I get in my own way. So I just have to get out of my own way and just play. Last weekend I played better, but I didn't play well the first two days. Hopefully, I can go out there and just shoot two comfortable rounds this week."

A comfortable round might not be enough.

The pins were a little tougher for the second round, but that's not nearly enough to stop the best players in the world who can lift, clean and place their golf balls in the short grass before going after flags on rainsoftened greens that putt smoothly because of only 70 players in the field.

It's the perfect recipe for low scoring on any golf course, and that's been the case over two days at Crooked Stick.

The average score over two days have been 69.6. Anyone not at 69 or better was losing ground. There already have been 21 eagles and 621 birdies over two days, which at least gives the sold-out gallery something to cheer.



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Big week for gadgets ahead of new Apple iPhone

By ANICK JESDANUN **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a big week for gadget announcements asAmazon, Nokia and Motorola all tried to generate interest in their products before Apple's expected announcement of a new iPhonenext Wednesday.

Amazon announced four new Kindle Fire models and a new line of stand-alone e-readers on Thursday, a day after Nokia and Motorolaunveiled five new smartphones between them.

Makers of consumer electronics are refreshing their products for the holiday shopping season. Apple's rivals are hoping that a head start on the buzz will translate into stronger sales. Nokia and Microsoft, in particular, are trying to generate interest in a new Windows operating system out next month. The two phones announced Wednesday by Nokia are its first to run Windows Phones 8.

Sales of Apple's iPhones are still strong, though the company lost the lead in smartphones to Samsung this year. Samsung Electronics Co. benefited from having its Galaxy S III out in the U.S. in June, while Apple was still selling an iPhone model released last October. A new iPhone is expected as early as this month, allowing Apple to recapture the attention and the revenue. Apple dominates the market for tablet computers. Seven out of every 10 tablets shipped in the second



Jeff Bezos, CEO and founder of Amazon, holds the new at the introduction of the new Amazon Kindle Fire HD in Santa Monica, Calif., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012.

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quarter were iPads, according to research firm IHS ilaau2i

Rivals have been trying to compete with smaller, cheaper models — such as Amazon's Kindle Fire. On Thursday, Amazon announced new models, including ones with screens nearly as large as the iPad's.

Now there's speculation that Apple will be coming out with a smaller iPad as well.

Here's a look at what to expect:

- NEW IPHONE

Apple Inc. has come out with a new iPhone each year, and that's likely to continue

The new model is expected to work with fourthgeneration, or 4G, cellular networks that phone companies have been building. That capability is something the S III and

many other iPhone rivals already have. A biggeri-Phone screen is also possible.

Apple will host an event in San Francisco next Wednesday.

The topic wasn't disclosed, but the email invitation contains a shadow in the shape of a "5" — a sign that the iPhone 5 is coming. Sales usually begin a week or two after such an announcement.

One thing is known: Apple plans to update its phone software this fall and will ditch Google's mapping service for its own, as a rivalry between the two companies intensify.

— SMALLER IPAD

Apple has done well selling its full-sized tablet computer, which has a screen that measures nearly 10 inches diagonally. Many companies have tried to come out with iPad alternatives,

but the ones that have had moderate success have tended to be those with smaller, 7-inch screens and lower price tags.

There's speculation that Apple will come out with a mini iPad this fall possibly with a 7.85-inch screen — to compete with those competitors. It's not as much a certainty as a new iPhone, though.Apple hasn't said anything about its plans.

— REKINDLING THE FIRE Amazon.com Inc.'s 7-inch Kindle Fire is one of the smaller tablets with decent sales. Starting next Friday, it will sell an updated version with a faster processor, more memory and longer battery life. It will also cut the price to \$159, from \$199, making it far cheaper than the iPad, which starts at \$399 for the 2011 version still on sale. (The most recent ones start at \$499.)

Amazon is also releasing higher-end models under the Kindle Fire HD line. A 7-inch one will go for \$199, while an 8.9-inch one will go for \$299. There's also a \$499 model that can use the 4G cellular networks that phone companies have been building. A data plan will cost an extra \$50 a year.

The smaller HD model will start shipping next week, while the larger ones will be available Nov. 20.

Amazon also refreshed its line of stand-alone ereaders, offering the Paperwhite, with its own light source. Tablets such as the iPad and the Fire don't work as well in bright light because they are lit from the back. Amazon says the light on the Paperwhite is directed down at the dis-

Barnes and Noble Inc., which makes the 7-inch Nook Tablet, may have an update this fall as well.

- MOTOROLA'S RETURN Though it's a pioneer in the cellphone industry, Motorola hasn't had a hit since the Razr phone came out in 2004. Under new owner Google Inc., Motorola Mobility is trying to change that.

On Wednesday, Motorola announced three new smartphones bearing the Razr name. Verizon Wireless started taking orders for the first of the new phones, the Droid Razr M. It's a cheaper, smaller phone than the Razr that Motorola launched last year. The \$99 Razr M will be in stores next Thursday, the day after Apple's announcement.

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Stocks rise slightly on Fed hopes

BERNARD CONDON AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market followed one of its most exciting days of the year with a rather dull one Friday. Indexes barely rose following a weak jobs report, which increased hopes that the Federal Reserve would act next week to support the economy.

The gains, while meager, kept major market indexes at their highest levels in more than four years following a massive surge the day before. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 14.64 points to close at 13,306.64. The Standard & Poor's 500 was up 5.80 points to 1,437.92. The Nasdag composite barely moved, up 0.61 points at 3,136.42. The government reported that 96,000 iobs were created in the U.S. last month, fewer than economists had forecast. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent, but only because more people gave up looking for work.

Tech bellwether Intel dealt a blow to the market early in the day by cutting its revenue outlook because of weak demand for its semiconductors. Intel fell 90 cents, or nearly 4 percent, to \$24.19.

The flat trading for the major indexes Friday followed big gains Thursday. U.S. stocks hit four-year highs after the European Central Bank announced plans to buy an unlimited amount of shortterm government bonds

economist at Mizuho Securities, said the weak U.S. jobs report means the Federal Reserve is more likely to announce steps at its meetina next week to keep interest rates low and encourage lending. He thinks the Fed



Specialists Frank Babino, left, and Jason Blatt work at the post that trades Pandora on the floor of the New York Stock major companies in reduc-Exchange Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. The stock market followed one of its most exciting days of the year with a rather dull ing FedEx. The world's secone Friday. Indexes barely rose following a weak jobs ond-largest package dereport, which increased hopes that the Federal Reserve would act next week to support the economy.

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from struggling countries in the region such as Italy and Spain. The hope is that the borrowing costs of those countries will fall, making a breakup of the 17-nation euro zone less likely.

Steven Ricchiuto. chief

will announce that it will hold benchmark rates near zero through 2015 and, possibly, launch a third round of bond purchases.

"The economy is still struggling, and so it's subject to shocks from overseas." Ricchiuto said. "We're going to get more stimulus from the Fed."

Shortly after jobs numbers were released, analysts from RBS told investors in a note that they see the likelihood of the Fed announcing new bond purchases next week at 90 percent. "We expect the Fed to act in September," they wrote. Most major markets in Europe rose, too. Benchmark indexes rose 0.7 percent in Germany and 0.3 percent in France. Italy's main index rose 2 percent.

In U.S. trading, materials companies rose 2 percent, the biggest gain among the S&P 500's ten industry sectors. The biggest losers were consumer staples, down 0.8 percent.

Intel followed several other ing its profit forecast, includlivery company lowered its forecast for earnings earlier this week, citing the slowing global economy.

Overall, for every three companies in the S&P 500 telling investors to lower their expectations for future earnings, only one is saying to raise them, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research

Street Briefs

Intel warns of 3Q revenues

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Intel's sales are falling at a rate that blindsided the chip-maker's management, amplifying Street's worries about the slumping personal computer market and the frail economy.

The foreboding news came out Friday in revisions to Intel Corp.'s financial auidance for its current quarter. The world's largest maker of computer chips now expects to post third-quarter revenue of \$13.2 billion. That would represent a 7 percent decline from the same time last year when Intel's revenue totaled \$14.2 billion. The projection also is well below a management forecast in July that envisioned third-quarter revenue ranging from \$13.8 billion to \$14.8 billion. Intel blamed its sliding sales on lackluster demand for new PCs amona businesses and a "challenging" economic environment.

Glencore raises offer for Xstrata

GENEVA (AP) — Commodities trader Glencore International PLC said Friday it is prepared to raise its offer to salvage a proposed \$80 billion merger with mining company Xstrata PLC. The announcement followed an intervention by former British leader Tony Blair, according to the Financial Times. The newspaper reported that the new offer was worked out at a meeting in London between Glencore CEO Ivan Glasenberg and Qatari Prime Minister Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani. The meeting was reportedly arranged by Blair. Glencore has struggled to net Xstrata because its previous offer was resisted by Qatar Holding, a major Xstrata shareholder. Xstrata announced Friday that it had received a proposal from Glencore to offer 3.05 new shares for each Xstrata share, up from the existing offer of 2.8 shares. \square

A tale of 2 US employment surveys

The Associated Press

The U.S. economy added only 96,000 jobs in August, below July's gain. Yet the unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent, the steepest drop since January.

Why did the rate fall so much when the economy gained only a small number of jobs?

Because the government does one survey to learn how many jobs were created and another survey to determine the unemployment rate. Those surveys can produce results that sometimes seem to conflict. One is called the payroll survey. It asks mostly large companies and government agencies how many people they employed during the month. This sur-

vey produces the number of jobs gained or lost. In August, the payroll survey showed that companies added 103,000 jobs, and federal, state and local governments cut 7,000.

The other is the household survey. Government workers ask whether the adults in a household have a job. Those who don't are asked whether they're looking for one. If they are, they're considered unemployed. If they aren't, they're not considered part of the work force and aren't counted as unemployed. The household survey produces each month's unemployment rate.

In August, the household survey showed that the number of people who said they were unemployed fell by 250,000. But they didn't get jobs — the report showed the number of employed people also dropped in August. Instead, the unemployment rate declined because those 250,000 people gave up on their job searches and weren't counted as part of the overall work force.

Unlike the payroll survey, the household survey captures farm workers, the selfemployed and people who work for new companies. It also does a better job of capturing hiring by small businesses.

But the household survey is more volatile from month to month. The Labor Department surveys just 60,000 households, a small fraction of the more than 100 million U.S. households.

By contrast, the payroll survey seeks information from 140,000 companies and government agencies and they employ roughly one-third of non-farm employees. The employers send forms to the Labor Department noting how many people they employ. They also provide wages, hours and other details.

Most Americans focus more on the unemployment rate, which comes from the household survey. But economists generally prefer the jobs figure from the payroll survey.

Economists note that the surveys tend to even out over time. In the past twelve months, the payroll surveys have shown that employers added roughly 1.8 million jobs.

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Commodities surge on hopes for assistance

SANDY SHORE AP Business Writer

Gold and other commodity prices are surging on building speculation that the Federal Reserve may try to pump more life into the struggling economy.

Traders are hoping the Fed will approve additional steps to promote economic growth after the government issued a weak jobs report for August.

report for August. Employers added 96,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent in July, primarily because more people stopped looking for work. The economy has added 139,000 jobs every month since the beginning of the year, compared with a monthly average of 153,000 jobs in 2011.The central bank is expected to consider a number of options at its meeting next week, including a bond-buying program. The intent would be to lower long-term interest rates and encourage borrowing and spending. Gold and other commodities benefited from previous Fed bond purchasing programs because low interest rates pressured the dollar. Commodities are priced in dollars, so a weaker dollar makes them a bargain for traders who use other currencies. Traders also buy gold as a hedge against inflation. Phillip Streible, a senior commodities broker at RJ O'Brien, said the weak jobs report increased the likelihood that the Fed will approve additional stimulus

measures. But he believes

such measures would be

less effective now because

of the potential to increase

debt.

August jobs report crushes hope for hiring

CHRISTOPHER S RUGABER AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP)

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American employers cut back sharply on hiring last month, crushing hopes that the job market was improving and putting more pressure on the Federal Reserve to give the sluggish economy another jolt.

The Labor Department said Friday that employers added just 96,000 jobs in August, down from 141,000 in July and too few to keep up with population growth. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent, but only because many people gave up looking for work and therefore weren't counted in the government's calculation. The disappointing numbers are a blow to President Barack Obama's re-election campaign. Unemployment is down from a peak of 10 percent in October 2009, but no incumbent president since Franklin D. Roosevelt has faced reelection with unemployment higher than 7.8 per-

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Job seekers fill out applications at a construction job fair in New York. U.S. employers added 96,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, a weak figure that could slow any momentum President Barack Obama hoped to gain from his speech to the Democratic National Convention.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

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The latest numbers were "downright dismal," TD Economics senior economist James Marple said in a description echoed by

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many others.

The economy remains hobbled in the aftermath of the deepest recession since the 1930s and simply isn't expanding fast enough to spark more hiring. Consumers, whose spending accounts for more than twothirds of economic activity, have been whittling down debts and spending cautiously. The government reported last week that economic growth clocked a disappointing 1.7 percent annual pace in the April-June quarter.

The economy is expected to grow at an annual rate of around 2 percent for the rest of the year, consistent with only 90,000 new jobs a month.

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney declared that "the weak jobs report is devastating news for American workers and American families ... a harsh indictment of the president's handling of the economy."

Obama said August's hiring was "not good enough" and that it's "a long tough journey" to recover from the recession that officially ended more than three years ago.

Stocks barely budged on the bad report. The Dow Jones industrial average rose nearly 15 points to 13,307.

Creditors expect decision on AMR by year-end

DAVID KOENIG AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — AMR Corp.'s bankruptcy creditors expect the parent company of American Airlines to decide by year-end whether to merge with another airline or remain an independent company.

The committee representing AMR's unsecured creditors made the comment in a footnote to a bankruptcy court filing on Friday.

Since filing for bankruptcy protection in November,

AMR management has favored remaining independent. But US Airways has pushed for a merger, and AMR agreed to work with its creditors to consider merger possibilities.

The creditors committee said in Friday's filing that it "expects that this process will be completed during the current calendar year." Once AMR and the creditors agree on a strategy for exiting bankruptcy protection, the committee "should be able" to support

AMR's filing of a reorganization plan.

In Friday's filing, the creditors committee supported new labor contracts between American and its flight attendants and ground workers. It "reluctantly" supported AMR's decision to offer flight attendants a 3-percent stake in the company and ground workers a 4.8-percent stake even though it could reduce payments to other creditors. A federal bankruptcy judge in New York is

expected to approve those contracts next Wednesday. This week, the same judge approved American's request to set pay and work rules for pilots, who rejected an offer that would have given them 13.5 percent of the company.

A lawyer for the creditors committee said in open court Tuesday that AMR needed a deal with pilots to complete its reorganization. On Friday the committee made its first written comments on the issue.

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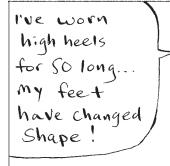
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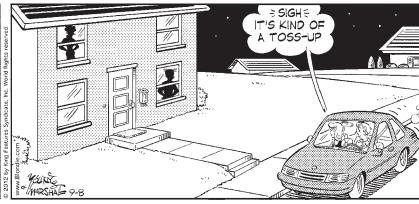






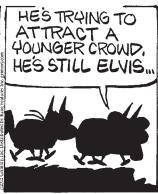
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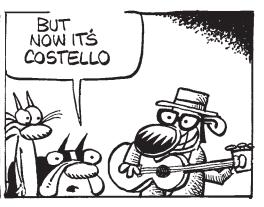




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Family property means managing for a legacy

PAUL SULLIVAN

of the year.

© 2012 New York Times Some wealthy people will have to make a decision soon if they are to take advantage of the \$5.12 million gift tax exemption that

is due to expire at the end

Cash is always the easiest way to take advantage of the exemption, but few wealthy people want to give that much money away lest they need it at some point. Property, on the other hand, has several virtues. Its value may be depressed now, but it is likely to go up by the time heirs get control. In addition, some wealthy people view property as a way of keeping the family together.

But giving a second home as a gift can be more complicated than people often expect, wealth advisers say. Other types of property, like timberland, farms or buildings, are a better option, advisers say, because they generate income. Still, they also present an intriguing problem beyond how to take advantage of the tax break: How do you make sure the property is well managed for the next 50 years?

This is something the family that Mark Schleicher married into has been contemplating for 90 years. He said that his wife's family acquired 33,000 acres in southwest Florida when they lent a timber baron some money and he defaulted on the loan. The land, on the border of Sarasota and Manatee counties, was held in trust and more or less sat there.

The family, whose money came from the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co., had hired a manager to operate it as a ranch, mostly for

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running cattle, growing citrus trees and mining shells, which were used for road construction.

But in the 1990s, the family decided that the land This, of course, is the reason people leave property in trust. Cash can be spent and so can stocks and bonds after they are cashed in. But land is



Mark Schleicher, a board member of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, the family holding company that owns Lakewood Ranch and other businesses on the property in Florida, at his home in Norwich, Vt., Sept. 6, 2012. A gift of property is one way to take advantage of a \$5.12 million tax exemption that will soon expire, but shared property raises the question of its management.

(Herb Swanson/The New York Times)

was being mismanaged and sought advice on how to develop it, Schleicher said. Since then, they have turned a quarter of the land into Lakewood Ranch, a planned community with 7,500 homes, 4 million square feet of commercial space and amenities that include golf courses, soccer fields and a polo

"We're taking great pride in doing this project," said Schleicher, who is a board member of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch or SMR, the family holding company that owns Lakewood Ranch and other businesses on the property. "It's not about squeezing the last nickel out of the thing. It's about creating a really first-class community that we can all be proud of. and it's our legacy, really, as a family."

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meant to keep everyone together generation after generation. So why, then, do these plans often fail? Not surprisingly, many of them are hatched too quickly or without any advice from the people who are going to benefit from the property but also have to manage it.

"When parents don't communicate well, that's when things don't work out," said Peter E. Lang, a managing director at HighTower Advisors, a wealth management firm. "The more complicated the asset,



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This particularly applies to property, whether it is a vacation home, undeveloped land or a vast planned community. It comes with the obligation to manage it, whether providing simple upkeep or making larger economic decisions.

Scott J. Cooper, managing director in the wealth structuring group at Merrill Lynch, said there had been a lot of interest in putting vacation homes in trust to take advantage of the gift tax exemption, but he said homes were not always an ideal asset, particularly when several children and spouses would use one house.

"Anyone who has ever shared a dorm room with another person probably has a point of view on this.' he said. "First of all, there is the issue of, do the kids really want it? Then, you have all the challenges of a time share. When it's time to remodel the kitchen, do you go with granite countertops or Formica? That gets pretty dicey."

Lang said that even when clients navigated these issues smoothly, there was usually compromise.

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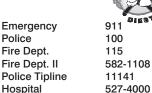


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Food scarce from drought, more animals try dining in town

By JACK HEALY

DENVER — People move to the mountains to be closer to nature. But not this close. At least two candy stores have been burglarized this summer by ravenous, drought-starved They are being struck by cars as they roam dark highways, far from their normal foraging grounds. Growina numbers invading campsites and kitchens in search of food. One even tried to storm a hotel bar in Telluride, Colo. In addition to destroying this summer's record-breaking drought has also killed off the wild acorns, berries and grasses that sustain animals like mule deer, elk and bears. Without that food, the great outdoors is pushing its way inside, looking for calories wherever they can be found.

Elk and mule deer are stealing into farmers' corn and alfalfa fields more aggressively, and in greater numbers, than usual, wildlife officials say. Bears have been spotted



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A sedated bear in Santa Fe, N.M. Animals are descending from mountains and mesas, desperate to eat whatever they can find before winter.

Associated Press

lumbering through alleys, raiding garbage cans and scooting into people's homes through open windows and unlocked kitchen doors.

"My God, they're everywhere," said Sheriff Bill Masters of San Miguel County, in the mountains of southwest Colorado. "A lot of them just don't seem to care anymore. They're just wandering around."

Similar stories abound, from ranches in Montana to tourist towns in New York's Catskills, to the Appalachians in Kentucky. With their natural food

sources ruined by drought, animals are descending from mountains and mesas, desperate to eat whatever they can find before the winter freeze comes.

There isn't much to go around.

In Utah, officials are hoping to cull part of the state's elk herd this fall to prevent wintertime competition over the shrunken and brittle patches of grasses. They have issued an additional 1,450 hunting tags for female elk, in the hopes that smaller herds of elk, which are relatively hardy, would enable more of the deer to survive.

"It's kind of an emergency," said Lowell Marthe, a state wildlife biologist. "If there's not enough food on those winter ranges, we're looking at potential for heavy die-offs in our deer." Bears are even more One wandered through a farmer's market downtown Aspen. Colo., this summer. Others have broken into cars after sniffing out fast-food leftovers, or ransacked people's kitchens. One woman in Eagle, Colo., told ABC News that her home had been bear-buraled five times.

Officials at the Grand Canyon made a rare black bear sighting this summer. In Kentucky, officials closed two campsites in late July after a family spotted a young bear rummaging through a trash can — an unusual sight for the area. "It's just been bear call after bear call," said Perry Will, the wildlife manager in Glenwood Springs, Colo. "Right now, they'd eat about anything."

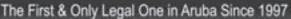
And there is little relief in sight.

The remnants of Hurricane Isaac soaked parts of the Midwest enough that the federal government was able in its weekly drought report Thursday morning to downgrade much of Missouri from extreme to severe drought. But the same report elevated wide swaths of the central and southern Great Plains to extreme drought, and said that roughly 63 percent of the continental United States remained in a state of moderate to extreme drought.

The rash of drought-related bear encounters is part of a long trend of increasing runins between humans and wildlife (which, it should be said, was here first). States passed more restrictive hunting regulations and natural predators dwindled at the same time that homeowners built deeper and deeper into the forests, their homes climbing from valley floors to elevations where mountain berries ripen and animals like bears find their food.

Wildlife officials in Colorado said that they had to euthanize 133 "problem bears" last year and that they have killed 80 so far this year. With autumn approaching, the run-ins are growing more common as the bears race to find the 20,000 daily calories they need for hibernation. Local residents sometimes protest the state's "two strikes" policy for bears that wander into civilization (first encounter, it's tranquilized, tagged and released; second time, it's bear meat) but wildlife officials say they have few other options.





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Campbell comes home to Arkansas on goodbye tour

JEANNIE NUSS Associated Press LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) - Glen Campbell came home this week.

Hundreds of fans hollered and sprang to their feet to welcome the Country Music Hall of Fame member and one of Arkansas' favorite sons as the opening notes of "Gentle on My Mind" spilled into the the-

The lyrics ran away from Campbell toward the end of the song, betraying his battle with Alzheimer's disease, but no one seemed to mind. The pop music icon pulled a couple of lines together and the

crowd cheered him on as his acodbve tour brought him back to his native state. "Thank you. I am so happy to be here," the 76-year-old told the crowd. "You know why I'm happy? Cause I'm in Arkansas."

Long before Campbell rose to fame as a singer and guitar player, Campbell was a young dreamer born near a tiny town in southwest Arkansas called Delight.

Much of the Campbell clan still calls the small town home. They jammed on guitars, reminisced about the old days and visited the graveyard where his parents are buried. They ate barbecue, albeit catered



In this photo taken Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, singer Glen Campbell performs during his Goodbye Tour in Little Rock, Ark. **Associated Press**

Review:'The Map of the Sky' is fascinating read

This book cover image released by Atria shows "The Map of the Sky," by Felix J. **Associated Press**

JEFF AYERS For The Associated Press

Spanish author Felix J. Palma, with an amazing translation by Nick Caistor, has delivered a cross-genre masterpiece. "The Map of the Sky" isn't a thriller, science fiction, or fantasy, and it's not horror or a romance. It's an amazing blend of all of them set during Victorian times. Palma looks at Edgar Allan Poe's novel "The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket" and ponders what event in Poe's life compelled him to write such an adventure.

In "Map of the Sky," a young woman with a secret she would prefer to keep hidden finds herself with an aggressive suitor.

and served alongside a salad with strawberries and candied nuts.

After last year's announcement that he had been diagnosed with the degenerative brain disease, his latest trip home was largely kept quiet.

"People flooded him" on past visits, Delight Mayor Paul Lane said. "And I'm sure they would still do it today if everybody in town knew he was here. But it's kept pretty much a secret because of the Alzheimer's."

Asked about his recent trip to Delight, Campbell looked at his wife, Kim, and asked, "Did we go to Delight last night?"

She held his arm and

nudged him along. "He has better days than

others," she said later.

Yet, even on a bad day, the man can still work a crowd. Dressed in a gemencrusted salmon shirt, the singer known for such hits as "Rhinestone Cowboy," "Wichita Lineman" and "Southern Nights" held the mic out to the audience and had them fill in some of the blanks.

Some of his siblings joined him on stage for a couple of tunes and his 25-year-old daughter, Ashley, kept a watchful eye on Campbell as she played keyboards. She interrupted him as he meandered through a story about John Wayne.

"Hey dad," she said. "Yes, darling?" he asked.

"It's capo one," she said before helping him clip the capo on the guitar's neck. A bit of laughter bubbled up from the crowd, and Campbell showed grace as he launched into the next song. A few moments later, he took off the capo. Backstage, his watched him as she stood in the shadows, careful not to distract him.

"He has never, ever noticed me standing there," she said after the show. "So maybe it's just dark to him." The concert hall was packed with people who grew up with Campbell's music — and many fans who shared a connection to his disease.

Pussy Riot thank Madonna, burn Vladimir Putin's portrait



This image taken from video filmed by the band Pussy Riot and made available for APTN shows a burning portrait of Russian President Vladimir Putin an abandoned building in undisclosed location.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — In a new star Madonna for her supvideo, members of punk port and burn President band Pussy Riot thank pop Vladimir Putin's portrait for

what they call his suppression of feminists, sexual minorities and opposition.

Three band members are serving two-year jail sentences received in August for their "punk prayer" at Russia's grandest cathedral, in which they asked the Virgin Mary to deliver Russia from Putin. Their trial caused an international furor, and a string of Western celebrities, including Madonna and Paul McCartney, called on the Kremlin to free the women.

In a video posted Thursday on MTV's website, two unidentified band members wearing their trademark balaclavas and brightly colored miniskirts climb down an abandoned building. Speaking in English, they lambast Putin and pledge to continue their "musical fight." The band announced the video on its Twitter account.



In this Feb. 28, 2012 photo, actress Kristin Chenoweth poses for a portrait while promoting her ABC show "GCB," in New York.

Associated Press

Chenoweth recovering from injuries, and grateful

NEW YORK (AP) — Kristin Chenoweth says she's still on the mend after suffering injuries in July while filming the CBS legal drama "The Good Wife."

Appearing on "Live! with Kelly & Michael" on Friday, the pixyish actress offered details of the accident, which happened during a New York location shoot.

An overhead lighting rig collapsed, she said, striking her in the face, slamming her to the ground and knocking her out.

When she woke up, co-star Josh Charles was holding her hand.

Said Chenoweth: "He's my angel."

Chenoweth, 44, said she continues to recover from a skull fracture and rib, neck and back injuries. But she called herself "blessed" the mishap wasn't worse.

Although forced to withdraw from her recurring role on "The Good Wife," she'll appear on its Sept. 30 season premiere.

Taylor Swift to debut song for cancer victim

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Taylor Swift will pay tribute to a young cancer victim with a special song on Friday's "Stand Up to Cancer"telethon.

"Ronan" is dedicated to a 3-year-old boy who died last year of neuroblastoma. Swift wrote the song after reading the blog of Ronan's mother, Maya Thompson, who is credited as a co-writer.

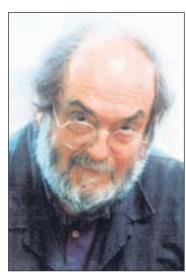
According to a person familiar with the show, but who asked not to be identified because they were not authorized to speak, the song has never been performed in public. After the telethon, it will be available on iTunes; proceeds will go to cancer-related charities. "Stand Up to Cancer" will



Taylor Swift performs at the MTV Video Music Awards on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

air on all the major networks and cable channels. Besides Swift, it will feature celebrities including Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Gwyneth Paltrow, Justin Timberlake and more.

Decrypting Kubrick: Toronto film decodes 'The Shining'



This undated file image originally released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows director StanleyKubrick.
Associated Press



In this undated file photo originally released by Warner Bros., Jack Nicholson portrays Jack Torrance in a scene from the movie "The Shining." Associated Press

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer
TORONTO (AP) — Some think Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" is a horror masterpiece. Others find it a mix between overblown fright flick and art film.

Then there are the conspiracy theorists, who meticulously study the 1980 film for hints as to what Kubrick really intended: maybe a commentary on the Holocaust, an exploration of the oppression of American Indians, even a treasure map of clues that the filmmaker was enlisted by NASA to fake the footage of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

"Room 237," a documentary playing the Toronto

International Film Festival, attempts to decrypt the adaptation of the Stephen King horror novel, providing no definitive answers, yet offering a fascinating glimpse into the enigma of Kubrick himself, who died in 1999.

"For me, it confirmed the idea that there is much more to the movie than just the surface layer of the story," said "Room 237" director Rodney Ascher. "There are so many anomalies and so many unusual choices and so many heavy moments that seem like they're referring to other material that you realize there's a lot going on underneath. It's meant to be seen again and again."

"The Shining" stars Jack Nicholson as a writer who holes up with his family as caretaker of a resort hotel in the Colorado Rockies that's closed for the winter. Instead of completing the book he intended to write, he falls under the influence of spirits and demons, turning homicidal against his wife (Shelley Duvall) and their young son, Danny, who has visions of ghosts and misdeeds from the creepy hotel's past.

After redefining genre filmmaking with his futuristic tales "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "A Clockwork Orange," Kubrick could never make a straightforward scary movie. "The Shining" was an operatic riddle, loaded with puzzles and impossibilities — props that vanish from one shot to the next, a typewriter that changes colors as the film progresses, windows to the outdoors on walls where no windows could exist.

Among the film's best-remembered scenes are a river of blood gushing from an elevator down a hotel hallway and Nicholson hacking through a door with an ax and maniacally pronouncing, "Here's Johnny!"

Yet "Room 237" concentrates on the details, centering on five devotees of "The Shining" who have

scrupulously deconstructed the film scene by scene and frame by frame.

Historian Geoffrey Cocks sees it as a representation of the Nazi Holocaust, identifying German symbols and artifacts throughout the film and citing Kubrick's repeated use of the number 42 to stand for 1942, the year the order came down to exterminate the Jews.

Bill Blakemore fixated on cans of Calumet baking powder, with an Indian in headdress on the label in the hotel pantry, and began ferreting out clues that "The Shining" was about the genocide of American Indians. Jay Weidner found signs that Kubrick was intimating to viewers that he faked the 1969 moon landing footage, the filmmaker dressing Danny in an Apollo 11 sweater, putting cans of Tang in the background and changing the number of the story's mystery room from 217 in King's novel to 237 in the film to represent the mean distance from the earth to the moon — 237,000 miles.

"Room 237" producer Tim Kirk first saw "The Shining" when he was about 14 and recalled that during the closing credits, the shadows of other viewers were projected onto the screen as they left the theater.

"I was peering at these ghostlike images thinking, what does that mean? I was still looking for clues as the film was ending. The next time I saw it, I thought it was about the dangers, the toils of the creative life. I'm really confused about it at this point," said Kirk, who finds all the theories in "Room 237" potentially valid. "I feel like each person we interviewed is passionate, intelligent and truly believes what they're saying." Director Ascher sneaked into a screening of "The Shining" as a boy and was scared out of the theater after only a few minutes of the film. He did not see the full movie until a couple of years later, and now has seen it countless times.



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The Roots Are Back



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CHARLOTTE, N.C. – This just in from the convention: Many Democrats came from humble roots.

If you watched last week's activities in Tampa, Fla., you may have been under the impression that the Republicans had cornered the market on modest beginnings. (The Romneys had bad furniture in college!) But Michelle Obama played a trump card Tuesday with a car "so rusted out I could actually see the pavement going by in a hole in the passenger-side door."

When she mentioned that, I remembered that when my husband and I were in graduate school, he had a car with exactly the same problem. I wonder if the president had to park in outof-the-way places to conceal the fact that the safety sticker on the windshield was four years out of date. If so, perhaps it's just as well not to go into it.

Michelle was a wow, but there's something kind of ironic about a woman wearing the best dress in the history of political conventions, one that offers a particularly flattering view of the best upper arms in the history of the female gender, giving a speech in which she earnestly explains how she is just like us.

She had a lot to say about the burden of student loans, a part of higher education that the Romneys most definitely did not share. But the first lady said almost nothing about her outsidethe-home work life. One of the unremarked-upon factoids in recent political history is that the past two Democratic presidents both had their careers underwritten by lawyer spouses who served as the chief family wageearners. Michelle didn't officially quit her job until she moved into the White House. But that was a little off-message for the first half of the Democratic convention, which was all about moms. And roots. Particularly moms with humble roots.

The keynote speaker, Mayor Julian Castro of San Antonio, had an arresting, mom-filled story about his background. He and his twin brother, Joaquin, went to school in one of the state's most impoverished school districts, but now he's talked about as a future governor and Joaquin seems to be on his way to Congress. (There are a lot of up-by-the-bootstraps stories in American politics, but you'd have to figure it would be Texas

that would produce duplicates.) Before he started recounting the saga, Castro announced that he was there for the purpose of renominating Barack Obama, thus answering the crucial question of whether he'd get to the point faster than Chris Christie, who first mentioned Romney in about the 71st paragraph.

On Wednesday, the Democrats busied themselves by putting God in their platform. (The Republicans ended with asking themselves who invited Clint Eastwood. The Democrats were wondering who disinvited the Lord.) Then they began to get to the point of the whole convention with Bill Clinton, whose speech was eagerly anticipated by everyone, particularly the Obama aides who had been pacing around all day waiting to get a look at the transcript.

Most Beloved Democrat! Back again from the Alpha Doghouse, where he was consigned after trash-talking Obama during the 2008 primaries. Remember what F. Scott Fitzaerald said about there being no second acts in American lives? So wrong, Scott, so wrong. Let me introduce you to Mr. Act Twelve. Clinton started calling himself the Comeback Kid during the 1992 primaries, but nobody could have imagined the way his comebacks would multiply like gerbils. The impeachment, nonperson in 2000, and now his unapproval rate is at 27 percent. There are pictures of kittens that get lower ratings. It's like one of those long-running, ever-evolving TV series where the guy who starts out as the mass-murderer vampire turns into the hero by season three, then has a huge, bloody, yearlong relapse, but then by season six he's the town sheriff and part-time minister.

Clinton is the key to the Democrats' central narrative, which begins in 1993, when he got his party to raise taxes to get the soaring national deficits under control. It was a huge lift and politically disastrous. The Democrats lost Congress in 1994. A freshman House member from Pennsylvania, who reluctantly gave Clinton the deciding vote, was politically ruined forever. (Her son met and married Chelsea. Really, you cannot make these Clinton stories up.)

The country got the big reward. By the time Clinton left office, trailed by yet another scandal involving presidential pardons, the unemployment rate was at 4 percent. Then he handed the country over to George W. Bush, who was egged on to cut taxes by the right wing that is now running the Republican show.

Now we're saddled with monster deficits, and the Republicans refuse to let this president do the brave thing Bill Clinton did and get us more revenue. Thus the campaign. Let's bury the roots and start talking taxes.



The Comeback Vegan



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CHARLOTTE, N.C. – I remember the first time I realized that Barack Obama was not going to be another Bill Clinton. Everyone assumed that the Secretariat from Illinois was the natural heir to the Secretariat from Arkansas. But Barry was only out of the gate for a day in 2007 before it became apparent that, while the senator had a bouquet of talents and several virtues that Clinton would never possess, he was not quite Bill's match as a political natural.

On his first lowa campaign trip, Barry was irritated. (Michelle had made him quit smoking). He was hungry. (He had eaten only trail mix.) He was indignant. (Why would press pests care what he looked like shirtless in Hawaii?)

Hawaii?) When the diffident debutante ended up in the deserted AmericInn's lobby in Iowa Falls on an icy Saturday night with reporters and a few six-packs, he did not seize the opportunity to seduce, as Bill would have. Clinton probably would have chatted with one reporter about Gabriel Garcia Marquez, another about economic philosophy and a third about prowling the Arkansas backwoods to find antique cameos for Hillary.

Barry, for his part, looked around with dazed distaste and scurried up to his room. He seemed oddly conflicted about politics. That ambivalence started with the first political speech he gave at Occidental College, when he felt both elation at his ability to

rouse with words and disdain at how easy it was. It became an exhausting pattern: Get people wildly excited and then withhold the excitement. Avoid sound bites and visceral connections because political games are beneath you. Instead of surfing the magic and using it to cow the opposition, Obama would retreat inside himself at crucial moments, climbing back to his contemplative mountaintop.

He rationed his smile, his eloquence and his electricity, playing the dispassionate observer, delegating, dithering and rushing in at the last moment to try to save the day. A cold shower to Bill's warm bath. While Clinton aides had to act like sheepdogs, herding the boss offstage as he tried to linger and schmooze issues with crowds, Obama needs to be alone and decompress even after meeting with a few people.

Last week, Republicans struggled to answer the Dada question about Mitt Romney: "Can he be human?" This week, Democrats struggle to answer the Dada question about the oncethrilling Obama: "Can he be exciting?" (Nobody ever asked either question about Bill.)

After running last time as the stake in the heart of the dvsfunctional, draining and seeminaly indestructible Clinton dynasty, Barry has had to humble himself and ask for the help of the man his camp painted as racist and intemperate in 2008. During that race, Bill literally carried an 81-page list of perceived insults by Obama to Hillary. It is the great psychodrama of this convention: Will the shrewd and diabolical Bill buoy Barry or puncture him? Will he be generous or – like all those 2016 strivers at the Republican convention – self-obsessed?

"We don't need Clinton the man," said one Obama honcho as they nervously await the draft of Bill's speech. "We need Clinton the myth."

The two fall, left-handed, silvertongued baby boomers both grew up not knowing their fathers. But while the disciplined Barry became self-reliant, with little patience for neediness or insincerity, the undisciplined Bill became self-indulgent, a maw of need and maestro of faux sincerity.

Obama doesn't like to share the stage with other politicians or even campaign for House Democrats. He thinks of himself as a singular force, a unique brand, and his narrative has always begun and ended with him. He thinks he did build it himself. But now – because of his own naivete, insularity and arrogance – he needs Clinton to rev up the disillusioned faithful and donors and lure independents and white working-class men.

Bill, hailed by some as the first black president, must expand Barry's narrative to reach back and link Obama's roiling tenure of wars, debt and partisan-fencing to Clinton's restful stretch of prosperity. You know you're in trouble when you're seen as less capable of taming the House Republicans than an ex-president who was impeached by the House Republicans.

And what does the Big Dog get? Resurrection, redemption, relevance, a reflected patina of Obama integrity and fidelity; the chance to outshine the upstart who outmaneuvered his wife and, by extension, him in 2008. And a possible ticket back to the Oval, this time as the first First Man, a vegan gnawing on Michelle's vegetable garden.

It's not a bromance, like Romney and Paul Ryan. It's a transaction. Obama needs his Democratic predecessor to reassure jittery voters that the future can look like the past, with a lower deficit, plenty of jobs and the two parties actually talking. In return, Bill will have the capital to try to ensure that the past can look like the future, with Hillary as Obama's successor.

What a wild twist. Instead of ushering in the post-Clinton era, as intended, Obama has ushered in the pre-Clinton era. □

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Starlets, Klum get refined at NY Fashion Week



Contestant Melissa Fleis's designs are modeled at the Project Runway finale fashion show during Fashion Week on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 in New York.

(Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP Images)

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The starlets lining the front row of New York Fashion Week on Friday would be right at home in the simultaneously refined and youthful styles parading before them.

The look on the second day of more than 100 previews for retailers, editors and stylists balanced a ladylike elegance with a youthful flair. Light colors and lace details were offset by cutouts or even leather harnesses.

Allison Williams of HBO's "Girls" and Hailee Steinfeld

of "True Grit" watched the muted florals on denim and midriff-baring cutouts at Peter Som. Emily Mortimer was on hand for Jason Wu, who said his collection aimed to balance beautiful refinement with something provocative and sexy.

"I love the idea of those two coming together — a softness and a hardness coming together and I wanted to make a collection that sort of balanced, just teetered on that line of sexy but still sophisticated," he said.

Meanwhile, the drama of

"Project Runway" took center stage for the 10th anniversary season of a show that designer and judge Michael Kors said thrives because "fashion people by nature are a little highstrung, a little dramatic."

"Quite frankly, fashion people are interesting," he said. "Nothing against accountants but we are not a group of accountants, that's for sure."

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week previews for retailers, editors and stylists continue for eight days, before the fashion crowd heads for London, Milan and Paris.

PETER SOM

For Som's refined and youthful look, muted floral prints were shown on denim (part of Som's partnership with Earnest Sewn) and midriff-baring cutouts were carved into ladylike sheath dresses that fell below the knee. A pink orchid-print bustier dress was dotted

pinks and purples on top, and chartreuse below the dropped waist.

JASON WU

There wasn't a lot of room for error on the Jason Wu runway. But he didn't need it

From Carolyn Murphy's opening crocodile-like leather sheath to the navy silk tulle harness gown with



Fashion from the Spring 2013 collection of Peter Som is modeled on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 in New York.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

with a bit of more demure lace.

Standard button-down shirts and a lace T-shirt were jazzed up with jeweled collars.

Olympic gold-medal runner Sanya Richards Ross was there, fully decked out in one of Som's lace numbers. "I love fashion. It's in my genes. If you saw my grandmother going to the grocery store, you'd think she was having lunch with the Obamas. We're always dressed up," she said.

Som is known to play with texture, and he created a colorful patchwork of snakeskin chevrons. The best version was the shift that was mostly a mix of embroidery that closed the show, the look was slim and sophisticated. Lace insets, bra tops, sheer fabrics and sharp tuxedos turned into shorts kept lively what were really refined, classic silhouettes.

Wu, in a backstage interview, said he was inspired by two photographers with differing styles — Helmut Newton and Lillian Basman. It was the second show in the early going to make specific reference to Newton, which could explain the dominance of black and white. It was also the second to put leather harnesses on the models to give them a little bit of edge. \square



A model walks the runway at the Jason Wu spring 2013 show, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 in New York.

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